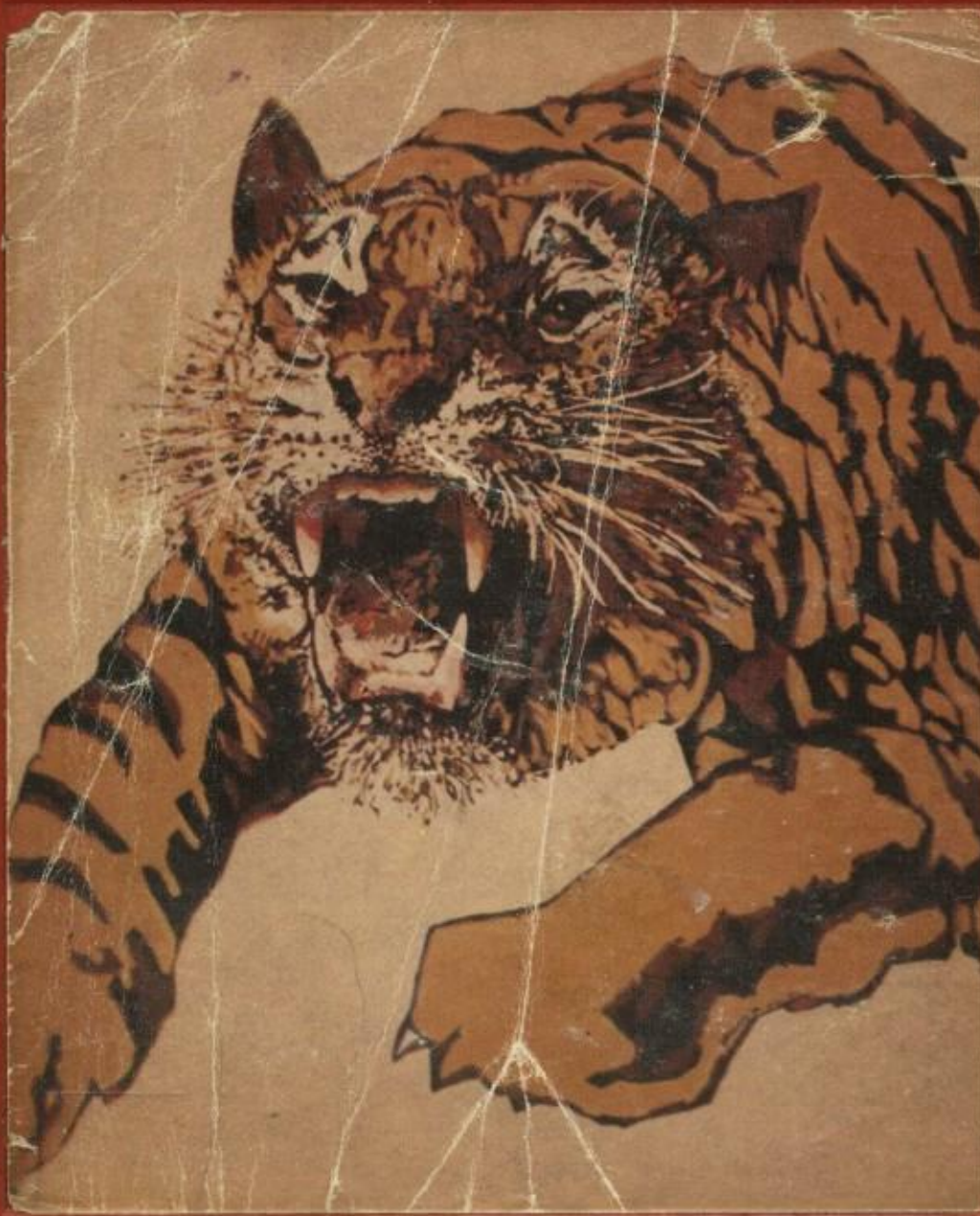


RETROSPECT



1983

LISA RAMSEYER

Lisa,
 We've been
 through plenty
 of good and a few
 bad times in the past,
 but I hope we can be
 good friends now. And I
 know if we just make it
 year if we just hang on!!
 I'll be there for you!!

Friends
 Forever
 Lauren

To Lisa my
 future sister-in-law
 Keep Jeff under control
 and pass your senior
 year and health and
 you guys will do alright

Lisa,

I really never got to
 know you real well.
 But she enjoyed you
 being in some of the
 same classes with me!
 I wish you all the best
 in everything you do!

Take Care!
 Love Ya.
 Deb

Lisa,
 I'm really meat
 having a class in my
 history class. hope
 we both pass!!
 I hope I get to
 know you better this
 year. Take care and
 God Bless!
 Friends, Steve
 Gina

D.S.
 Good Luck
 With
 Jeff!!

Mia Sarah

To a nice girl who's
 fun to tease!
 Your friends
 Bryan & Olivia

To someone who
 is very nice and
 fun to be around.
 Friends Always
 Sherri Collins
 "85"

Lisa, I
 have enjoyed
 your friendship
 & many years. I
 hope
 it's get
 together
 soon.
 Mary
 Moore
 Capra

Lisa,
 We were friends
 and then we were
 enemies and now
 we are friends. I'll
 stay friends forever
 and everything I
 do and everything I
 do for you
 forever
 "84"

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Lisa.

Lisa,
I really haven't
gotten to know you
very well but what
I seen and heard of you
a real super gal. Its our
senior year and I hope
we can stay friends!
Good luck this year with
Jeff. Keep

Jeff. Keep
in touch!
Kim
(tattle)
"get!"

Keep
uchi

A real snail, ^{the} our
Cool chicks.
I hope the best
for you in future.
I hope it works
out for you one

2 letters
4 friends

Brenda Huffmeier

So a wild-n-
crazy person
and a good friend
of friends
Dion

to a nice
person. I have
lots of fun in
the near future.
Deidre 85

[Faint handwritten notes:]

is a, here really
on't start anywhere
here has been so much
remember and I will never
forget any of it. I hope always
remember too. I know there have been
some really tough times in your life, but
always remember to look on the bright side be-
cause every cloud has a silver lining, and you
know that I will always be here for you when and if
you ever need me, okay? I know we haven't been doing
so much together lately but that's not too important
because you still the closet friend I've got, I hope you
know that. I know I can always depend on you! So
matter how many miles are ever between us. I hope
we can always stay up and stay proud of yourself at
all! Keep your head up and stay because you deserve at
least that much. And keep Jeff on this, too! You've been
the greatest to me and I can't say so much. Lots of Love,
Happy



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Wind and rain do not stop football fans from supporting the Tigers in the playoff game against Woodlan.

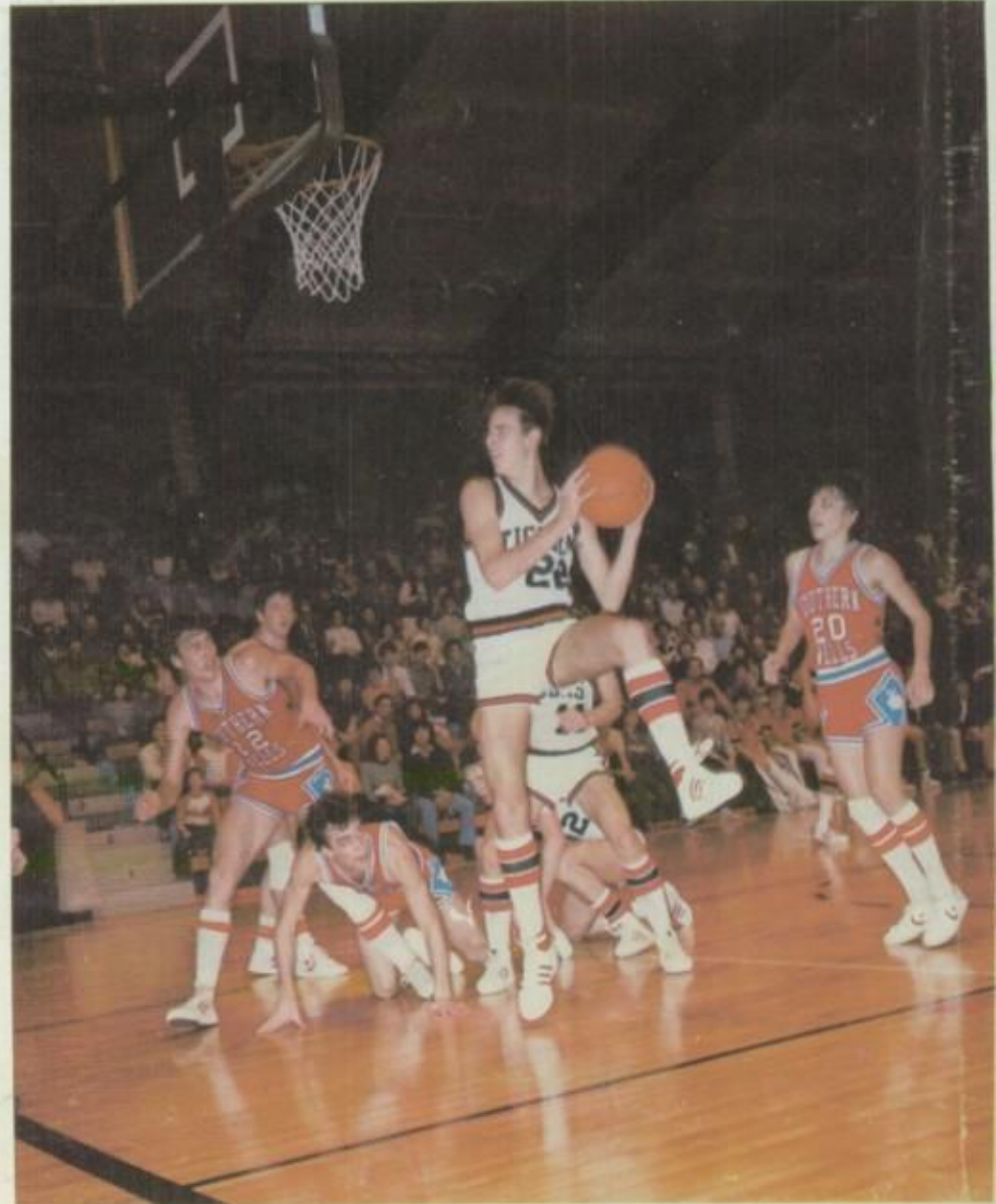


Sharon Carr and Vicki Baumgartner add the finishing touches to the Christmas tree in the commons area.



Desperate for another taco, Peter Hazelton threatens Daphne Willett at the German-Spanish Club Christmas party.

Doug Betz grabs a rebound against Southern Wells, a game in which both teams had the home court advantage.





To avoid the post-game Pizza Hut crowd, Sandi Hughes opts for McDonald's.

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Mike Clifton, Betty Ball, Brian Ginter and Mark Boxell dread the thought of going to school on one of the many beautiful autumn days last Fall.

TOTO members Phil Moser, Sandy Hunnicutt and Mike Wright give a public performance in front of the Courthouse during Street Fair week.





After a season of grueling practices and hard work, the volleyball team unwinds at a slumber party.



Tammy Perry and Donna Thompson surprise themselves by winning the football toss at Street Fair.



Wendy Sallach and Brian Huffman enjoy a slow dance at a student council sponsored dance after a home basketball victory over the Blackford Bruins.

Emotions run high in the Tiger locker room after the team shut out John Glenn to finish the season undefeated. Nearly 500 fans traveled over 100 miles in anticipation of another BHS victory.

1983 Through The Eyes Of A Tiger

After all of the centennial celebrations and hoopla of 1982, one might have expected 1983 to be an off year, full of boredom and leftovers. Instead, 1983 picked up where 1982 left off, and although the community was plagued with economic hardships, spirit and intensity increased at BHS as students finally adapted to last year's changes.

Coach Bowser and the football team got off to a quick start, as did the school year, spreading Tiger Mania throughout the community enroute to a perfect regular season. When the dust cleared, BHS had defeated county rival Norwell for the first time in five years, had been ranked third in the State Class A polls and had hosted its first state playoff game.

Meanwhile, the Bengal Brigade continued its tradition of excellence with a sixth place finish in the Class C State Contest. The drama department also upheld its fine reputation with the fall musical "The Sound of Music" and the winter production "Harvey." "Our Town" was the first-ever public performance by the the-

ater arts class, and in the spring "Fantasia" and "Spectacular Plus" were presented by the band and the choral department, respectively.

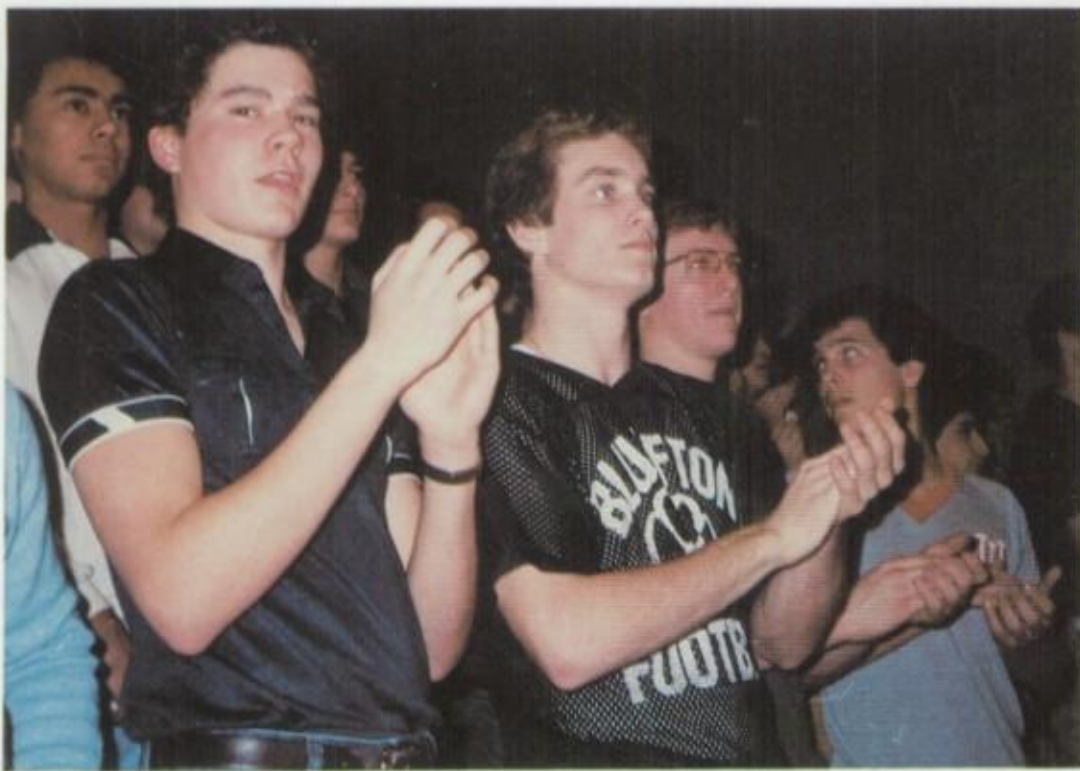
On the darker side, over 600 community people faced the possibility of losing their jobs when two of the area's biggest employers, International Harvester and Corning Glass Works, announced plans to close. This was a devastating blow to both the community and the school system as BHS' already declining student population of 503 was expected to drop even more as unemployed parents searched for jobs elsewhere.

Also on the decline was the number of faculty members. Fewer students meant fewer teachers were necessary, and as a result staff reductions were announced in March.

These were a few of the things that were on the minds of the people at BHS during 1983. The following pages of this yearbook tell a story, the story of 1983 "Through the Eyes of a Tiger."

— Tanya Isch

Jeff Hook, Dave Surfus and Bill Record stand while the band performs "The Black and Crimson."



Senior Co-captain Mike Parsons leads the Tigers onto the field for the annual Fall Festival football game.



Drum Major Debbie Brown directs the Bengal Brigade at a home football game.

Jerry Sprankles and Dave Carnall temporarily assume the role of cheerleaders during a Tiger basketball victory over Southern Wells.



Tiger Mania!!!

The cheerleaders release the 500 balloons donated by the Bluffton Athletic Boosters prior to the BHS victory over Norwell.



Tiger bumper stickers could be seen in the school parking lot and on the streets of Bluffton on the cars of most BHS fans during the school year.

Juniors Tina Rhoades and Kelly Brickley display the spirit of Tiger Mania.

Assisted by Sue Pagin and Tanya Isch, Dawn Gatke puts her mouth to use by taking top honors in the Fall Festival marshmallow eating contest.

Donna Brown gets help from Mr. Kummer on an assignment in Accounting II.



That Tiger Pride Shines Through



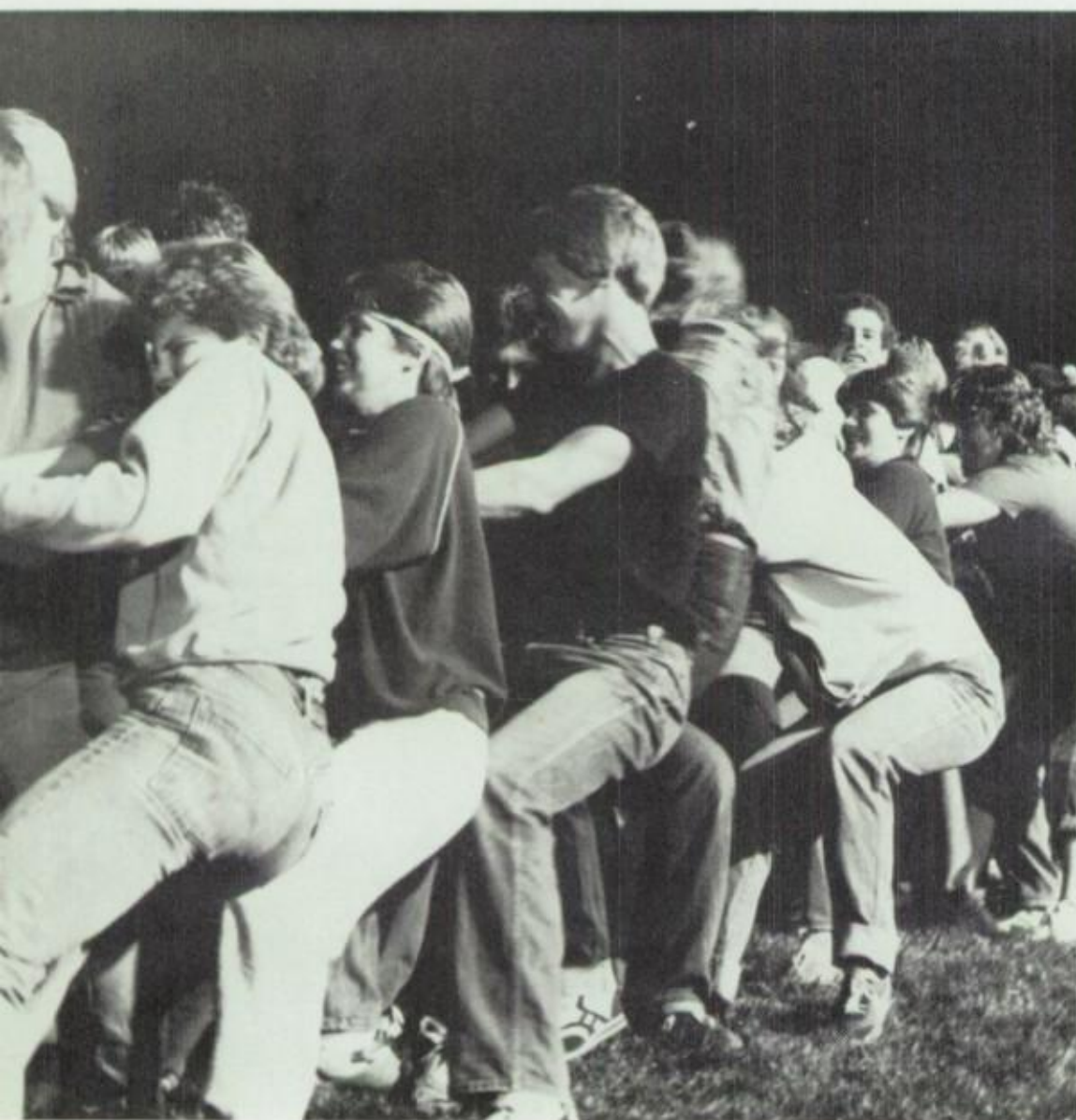
Tiger basketball fans clap to the beat of "Frenzy" as the starting lineups are announced.

Eric Satterfield is not a psychopathic flasher but a spirited BHS student dressing up for crazy day.





Natalie Hay and Lisa Garrett keep busy during the summer by running the concession stand at the pool.



Biology teacher Steve Wagner emerges soaking wet from the Bengal Brigade dunking booth after hitting the water several times during Street Fair.

Carrying most of their muscles in their mouths, the seniors won all of the food contests at Fall Festival but lost the tug-of-war.

Sherry Brichey carefully applies her make up before the last dress rehearsal of "The Sound of Music."

Stacey Speheger does not get much help from Jon Krebs as she works on Kracium's weekly government worksheet.

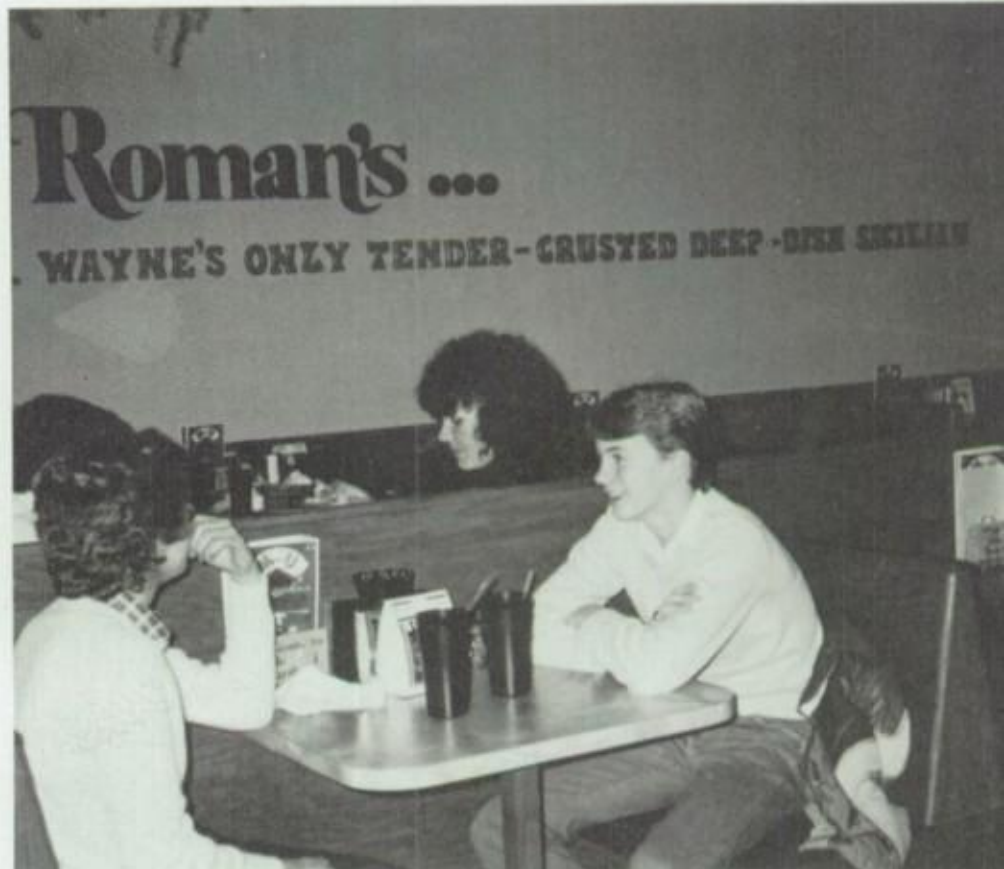


A Day In The Life Of A Tiger



Cheerleaders Angie Renner, Cheryl Schorey and Daphne Stuery get the "Eaties for their Wheaties" as they put on a skit at a pep session.

Shelly Meyer and Mike Clifton celebrate a free Saturday night, a rarity during basketball season, with pizza at Noble Roman's.



STUDENT LIFE



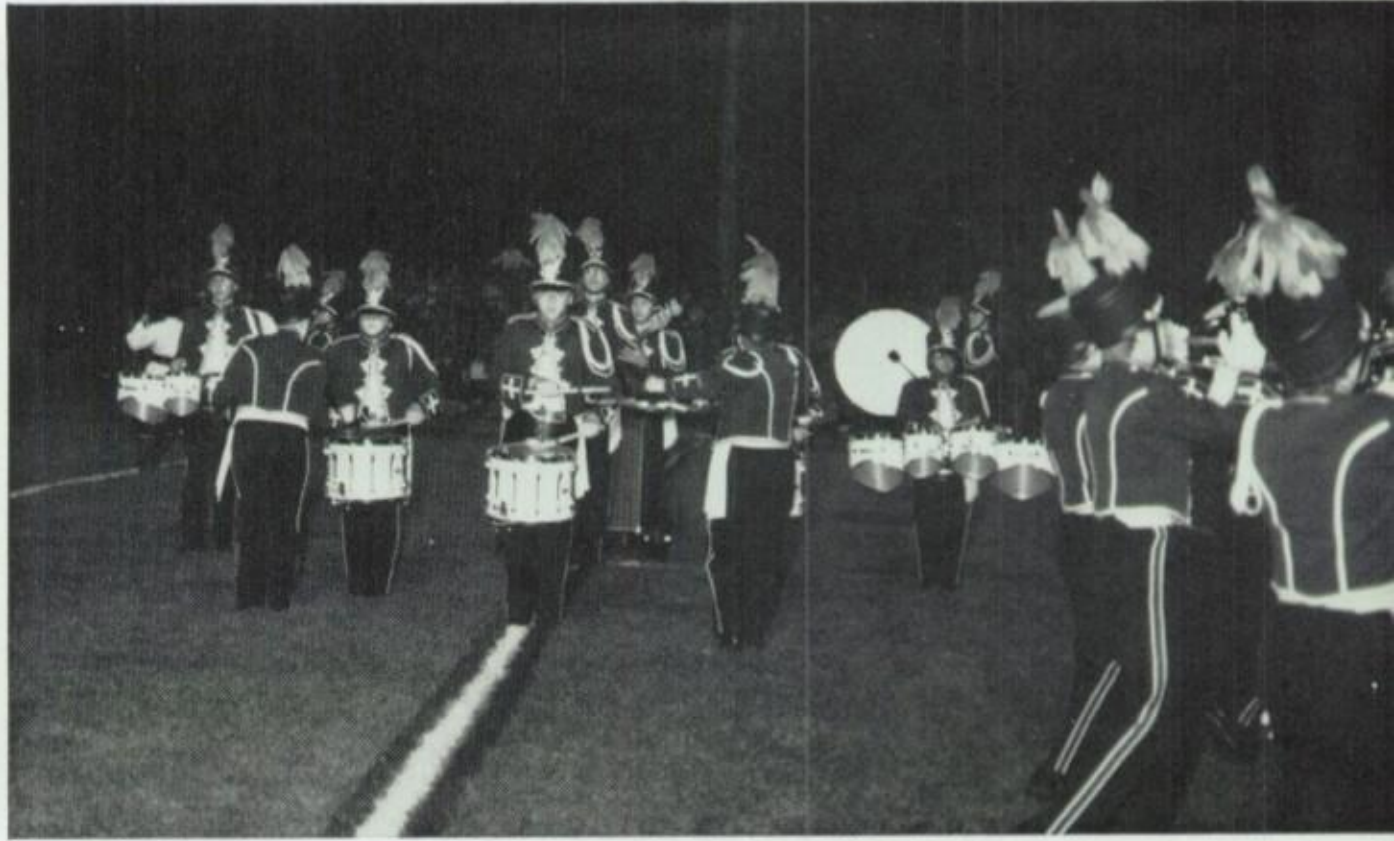
Christmas elves Jayne Sands and Sue Pagin agree that helping Santa out is a fun way to earn extra spending money.

Todd Shalley, Jim Royal, Jeff Higginbottom and the rest of the Brigade concentrate on giving the home crowd a good performance.

Junior Phil Moser wails on his tuba as he performs the National Anthem before the homecoming football game.



Mr. Roberts seems to agree with the melodious sound coming from the field as the Bengal Brigade performs at homecoming.



Senior Mary Steffen proudly performs as part of the Brigade auxiliary. Mrs. Roberts was the auxiliary instructor.

'tention! Attack!!

After four days of sweat, sore muscles and mosquito bites at band camp on the Manchester campus, the Bengal Brigade was ready to face a marching season that ended in three first places, a sixth place and numerous exhibition performances.

The Brigade spread their reputation of excellence in exhibition performances at Winchester and the Street Fair. The band also performed at home football games and hosted the annual "On the Banks of the Wabash" at Park Stadium on October 17.

Capturing three first places seemed like no problem for the Bengals as two of the events were held on September 9. On a rainy day, the Norwell Invitational was forced indoors but the Brigade walked away with a first in Class C. Before the results were announced, the Brigade was headed for the Homestead Invitational and another first place, this time in Class B.

At the District Contest held at Northrop, the Bengals took first place honors, securing a spot at the State Contest. But the Brigade was finally shut out when a fifth place finish at state preliminaries was missed by .35 of a point. The sixth place finish was not enough to put the Bluffton band in the state finals.

Although hopes had been shattered for a shot at the state title, the season was viewed as a success and band members were honored in a ceremony in the gym.

— Brad Pike





Bengal Brigade members stand in line to receive their instruments at the State Band Contest held in Terre Haute.



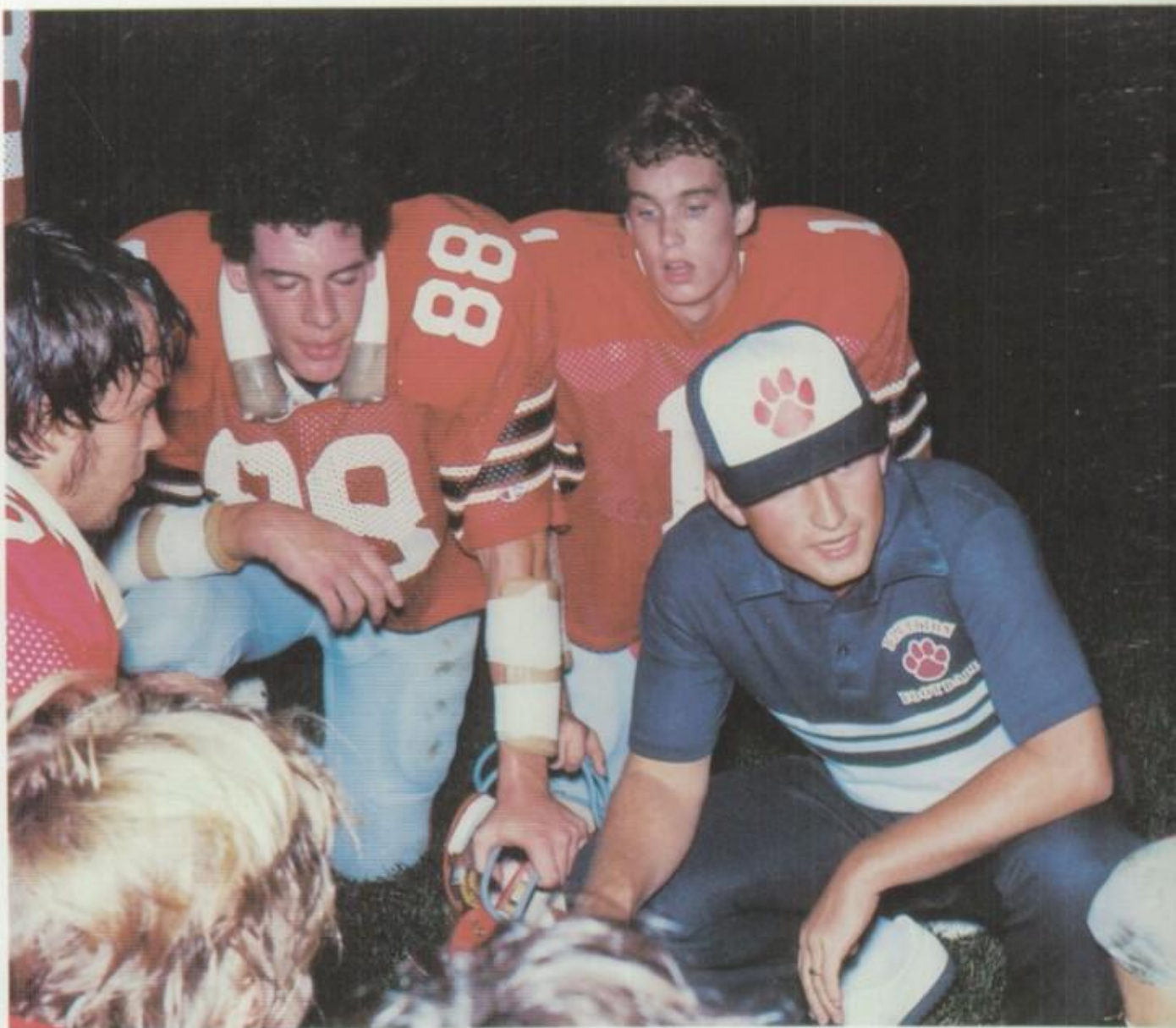
Leitner and Tom Link join the dance on the floor as they "Gator" at a dance during band camp in August.



Junior Kurt Byanski keeps the tempo on the timpani during "Echano" on the night of Homecoming at Park Field.

Tigers take a time out for Coach Bowser to discuss homecoming strategy.

Siamese twins? No, it's just Kelly Brickley, Lori Umphrey, Gay Poin-dexter and Shawna Brinson preparing for the three-legged race.



Bob White, Jon Krebs, Mark Mettler, Duane Adams, Mark Beals and Jason Miller show their pride at the victory dance after the Norwell game.



On a warm fall evening, Angie George eats her way to a victory in the fun and games pie eating contest.

With tears of joy, Donna Brown takes the throne as Fall Festival Queen.





Tigers Capture Festival Victory

It was a week of dress up days and spirit. On a warm October 6 evening, hundreds of fun-loving Tigers packed into Park Stadium: their sole purpose — to have fun. This was Fun and Games night of Fall Festival '82.

The freshmen began the skits portion of the festival with their skit entitled "The Decision". The sophomores continued with their version of "Cow Patty", followed by the juniors' game show rendition of the "Pride is Right". The skits concluded with the seniors asking everyone to take the "Tiger Challenge".

The fun continued as students participated in a three-legged race, won by Steve

Hoffer and John Phillabaum. Chris Honegger and Jason Miller took first place in the wheel barrow race. The junior boys and girls won all tug-of-war matches, although some of the competitors claimed foul play, saying their side was greased.

The seniors proved once again that they had the biggest mouths by winning all food contests. Dawn Gatke, to the amazement of onlookers, stuffed a whopping 24 marshmallows into her mouth. Mary McArdle and Angie George showed that they had a bite on the competition when they won the pie eating contest, bringing the fun and games to a close.

The Coronation on the following Friday was witnessed by a record of 3,000 plus fans. With the Tiger gridders leading Norwell at half time, Donna Brown was crowned queen. The Tigers went on to beat Norwell for the first time in six years.

The whole week was brought to a close by the presentation of Spirit Awards. These were awarded to the most spirited and supportive student in each grade. Winners were Mary McArdle, Tina Rhoades, Wendy Salach, and Michelle DeWitt. This fitting tribute ended a week of pure Tiger Mania.

— Mark Patterson



FALL FESTIVAL COURT. Freshmen Shari Speheger and Dave McArdle, Juniors Jill Harnish and Mike Clifton, Seniors Natalie Hay and Mark Patterson, Queen Donna Brown, Principal Thomas Byanski, Seniors Kyle Wietholter, Stacey Speheger and Mike Deam, Flowergirl Beth Lohmuller and Sophomores Hiester and Beth Meyer.

Phil Moser asks Liesl Bayouth the musical question, "How Can Love Survive?"

The nuns of Westminster Abbey pause for a prayer during a quick set change.



Peter Hazelton explains the facts of life and love to Lori Smith as he woos the oldest Von Trapp daughter.

Megan Bowman, Angie George, Jenny Bowman, Lisa Bowman, Lori Smith, Scott Carr, Beth Lindsay and Andy Hazelton get acquainted singing "Do, Re, Me".



Musical Proves To Be "Hot Stuff"

It started off with a bang before it was even announced. Almost everyone was wondering what Director Denise Norman would choose as the BHS fall musical. After many rumors were spread and the suspense was practically unbearable, Ms. Norman finally announced her selection of the Rodgers and Hammersteins famed musical, "The Sound of Music", which was presented on November 19 & 20.

No one else but Senior Angie George could have made

the lead role of Maria seem so natural and lifelike, as she captured the audience's heart with the sincerity and simplicity of her part.

Tom Link received the other major role as he convinced everyone that he was the strict yet soft-hearted Captain Von Trapp. Bringing tears to many eyes when he sang "Edelweiss", he added an emotional uplift to the musical.

Lightheartedness and fun was added by the Von Trapp children portrayed by Lori

Smith, Scott Carr, Beth Lindsay, Andy Hazelton, and Lisa Bowman with added delight from Angie's younger sisters, Jenny and Megan Bowman. Phil Moser and Liesl Bayouth, alias Max Detweiler and Elsa Schraeder, added a sparkle of their own, as did the many others who were a part of the "Sound of Music" cast and crew.

But the actors' performances were not the only thing that sparked excitement and heated the auditorium. On the closing act of the final

show, the back traveling curtains caught on fire, due to backstage lights leaning against the curtain. Luckily the cast and crew remained calm and the fire was extinguished quickly. Though smoke circled through the stage and auditorium, "the show went on" and another successful BHS musical was down in history.

— Shari Stauff



Taking their solemn wedding vows, Tom Link and Angie George start a new life together as Captain and Mrs. Von Trapp.



The tech crew of Steve Hoffer, Mark Mettler, Bill Record and Mark Patterson take part in the usual backstage antics. The crew found themselves playing firemen when they put out a smoldering curtain in the final night's performance.



Penny Croy tediously places makeup on Jim Paxton for his role as Von Trapp's butler.

Weird Weekend Alternatives



Although they are unsure if they only imagined the sound of footsteps, Chanda Reeves, Travis Shane and Jene' Pond decide not to stick around and find out.

Thrills And Chills

A thin stream of moonlight penetrates the deep darkness. Ancient, worn tombstones cast forbidding shadows into the night. Suddenly, the silence is broken by slamming car doors, hushed voices, hurried footsteps and beating hearts. This is the scene at the local graveyards, where students get their thrills during the summer and autumn months.

It is generally agreed that the scariest of the area graveyards is Thirteen Graves, so-named because of the story of the blood-thirsty killer who rises from the thirteenth grave and stalks the woods at night. Located on a dark, winding gravel road off of highway 3, it seems to generate fear into even the bravest hearts. Sandi Hughes maintains, "All of those trees make it really dark and spooky. I don't even like to get out of the car!"

Other popular haunts are Mary Tonner's Grave and Bethel Church. Legend has it that Mary Tonner was a witch, and anyone who dares to lie on her grave will die. At Bethel, the horror is not so much in the cemetery itself as in the possibility of collecting a bullet hole, compliments of the caretaker.

All of this points to the idea that has made horror movies so popular: people love to be scared. "You get that weird feeling in your stomach and chills go up and down your spine," explains senior Angie George. "You begin to believe that almost anything could happen!"

— Tanya Isch



Summoning all of their courage, Travis Shane, Brian Isch and Chanda Reeves wonder if anyone could be lurking about inside the darkest church.



Equipped with the essentials, **Rocky Horror** enthusiast Troy Chaffee is all set to go to the show.

More Than A Movie

It is midnight on a Friday or Saturday night and most curfew-conscious BHS students are on their way home. Most, that is. For various **Rocky Horror Picture Show** fans, the fun is just beginning.

As any **Rocky Horror** veteran could testify, this is no ordinary midnight movie. Movie-goers talkback to the characters on the screen, toss hotdogs, toast, toilet paper and playing cards, squirt total strangers with water and gather at the front of the theater to dance the "Time Warp." Most experienced fans masquerade as their favorite character while others perform their own version of the show.

Why should anyone spend \$3 to give up a night's sleep, sit in the same theater with a bunch of loonies and watch a bizarre movie that he has seen several times before? According to Penny Croy, "You can be radical at **Rocky Horror** and nobody cares." "I enjoy getting water and rice thrown in my hair," says Lori Umphrey, while Scott Irvin confesses, "I love Janet." Dawn Gatke claims, "It's a good release of tension, and I like to stay out after curfew. Besides, the guys are really nice!"

That may be so, but the true appeal of **Rocky Horror** lies in the sense of unity, fun and fantasy that it represents. "Don't dream it . . . be it," wails Dr. Frank N. Furter, offering his followers both on and off the screen an escape from the harsh realities of life, if only for a couple of hours. Like Jay's potato chips, it is nearly impossible to stop after the first taste of the **Rocky Horror Picture Show**.

— Tanya Isch

Mark Patterson and Sanja Shane eagerly participate in a water fight at the special fourth anniversary showing of **Rocky Horror** at Glenbrook Cinemas.

“Harvey” Plus Moser Equals Entertainment

As Elwood P. Dowd once said, “In this world you have to be either oh so smart or oh so pleasant. I was smart for years; I recommend pleasant.” And almost no one could disagree with him after a 6’1½”, white, furry pooka visited the BHS stage on Feb. 23, 24 and 26 in the comedy-drama “Harvey.”

Harvey latched onto the lovable lead character, Elwood, portrayed by junior Phil Moser. Moser gave an excellent performance as he made his invisible co-star seem real.

Junior Daphne Willett portrayed Elwood’s embarrassed niece with sophomore Regan Kreigh as the mother who tried to get Elwood committed to a sanitarium, while trying to keep herself out. Chumley’s Rest Sanitarium workers were junior Lisa Bowman, who tried to resist

the charms of the assistant psychiatrist Peter Hazelton. The head psychiatrist, junior Tom Link, tried to avoid Harvey; as his loyal attendant, junior Jim Royal, tried to avoid all of the craziness.

Harvey seemed to affect everyone, including the supporting cast made up of senior Rick Miller, juniors Sue Pugin and Jayne Sands, and sophomore Andrea Mock.

Under the direction of Ms. Denise Norman, “Harvey” was performed in an arena-style theatre, which was first introduced the previous year.

Some might feel that co-starring with an invisible rabbit might be difficult, but Moser stated, “It wasn’t hard since I used to have invisible friends when I was little. I was a little envious of his wardrobe, however.”

— Shari Stauffer

After a trying experience at Chumley’s Rest Sanitarium, Regan Kreigh is comforted by her daughter Daphne Willett and her attorney Rick Miller.

Tom Link firmly tells his assistant Jim Royal to remain close by, for fear that Harvey is lurking about.

To the amusement of the audience, Phil Moser and Harvey discuss the fine points of their favorite book.





Peter Hazelton and Tom Link arrive at a possible cure for Elwood's problem as Lisa Bowman looks skeptical.

Regan Kreigh assures Lisa Blair that all is well at the Dowd residence, but Daphne Willett thinks otherwise.

JAZZ BAND. FRONT ROW: Kurt Byanski, Kim Neidlinger and Natalie Hay. **SECOND ROW:** Dean Smekens, Mitch Steffen, Debbie Brown, Joe Leitner, Jim Royal and Fred Ilnicki. **THIRD ROW:** Mary McArdle, Teresa Bardsley, Julie Seese, Terry Vice, Tracy Myers, Kris Hinesley, Lisa Blair and Cindy Szott. **BACK ROW:** Tina Frus, Kristi Blair, Tom Link and Todd Shalley.



THE BLAZE. FRONT ROW: Gina Cully, Lisa Garrett, Stacey Speheger, Mary Steffen and Shari Speheger. **BACK ROW:** LaDonna King, Dawn Greenlee, Dee Dee Dillon, Karen Sills, Angela Grusd, Kim Dillon, Gay Poin-dexter and Kim Miller.



Fantasia Joins Popeye On High Seas

Everyone knows that the Wabash is not capable of transporting sea-going vessels, but something definitely dropped anchor in the BHS auditorium on March 24 and 25 as **Fantasia** set sail for the fourth year.

Fantasia is known for brilliant lighting and exciting music, and this year's show was no exception. With a timpani roll and a sudden burst of lights, the Bengal Brigade, in cooperation with the Choral Department, tossed the audience into a sailor's dream. The show shoved off with the Brigade's version of "Russian

Sailor's Dance," accented beautifully by the Blaze's dancing. The band continued with "Chorus Line," "Legend of a One-Eyed Sailor," "Barbados" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

The Jazz Ensemble made waves with "Count Me In," "Peg" and "Jazz Man."

Fantasia would not be **Fantasia** without its traditional comedy skit and this year's show featured "Our Hero Popeye." Band members Phil Moser and Lori Smith, as Popeye and Olive Oyl, suffered the kidnapping

of their beloved Sweet Pea (Todd Shalley) and dear friend Wimpy (Tom Link). Who else could be responsible for this dastardly deed but Brutus (Jim Royal)? Not to worry, for all were saved by Popeye with a little spinach power, of course.

The Choral Department contributed singing talent with soloists Scott Carr and Sanja Shane singing "With You" and "Tradewinds." Tonya Dickason and Patty Dillman presented "Out Here On My Own" and Tina Thompson combined with

David Browning for "Just You and I." The Swing Era added that down home, country feeling with a "Hee Haw" show.

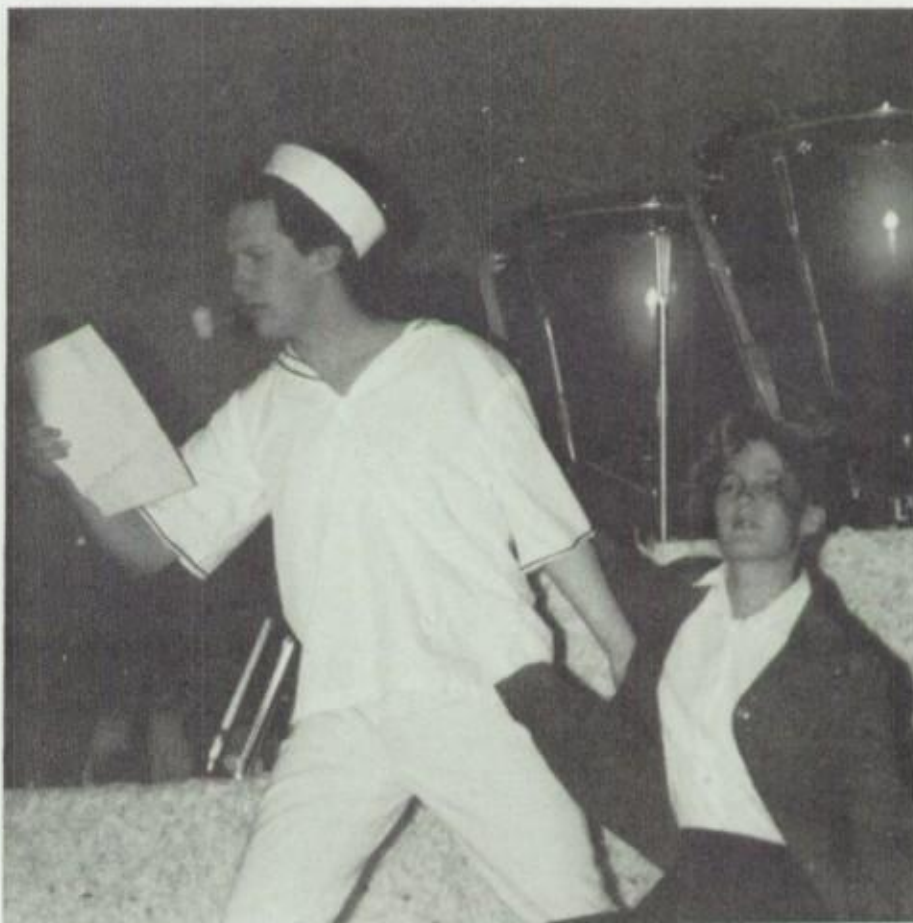
Fantasia ended as spectacularly as it began with "Navy Hymn," and suddenly burst into "Anchors Aweigh" with a flash of some seventy lightbulbs. It is certainly understandable why the Brigade was honored with standing ovations — a sure sign that **Fantasia** was indeed in ship shape.

— Phil Moser



Cheryl Schorey, Heather Jackson and Angie Renner participate in an old-fashioned, down home, country hoedown.

Phil Moser is more interested in Sweet Pea's ransom note than in Lori Smith in "Our Hero Popeye."



R. Shane intensely rehearses her number, "Tradewinds," for the upcoming **Fantasia** performance.



BENGAL BRIGADE. FRONT ROW: D. Brown, N. Hay, A. Link, A. Mock, M. Schnerre, C. Szott, K. Neidlinger and L. Smith. **SECOND ROW:** S. Meyer, T. Link, K. Byanski, K. Holmes, L. Bradley, S. Burke, K. Brown, J. Gilbert, L. Sallach, V. Christianson, D. Sundling, B. Schnerre and M. Parsons. **THIRD ROW:** D. Flowers, S. Frus, B. Lindsay, W. Clark, J.R. Jones, S. Stauffer, W. Sallach, J. Perry, J. Phillabaum, R. Shane, P. Moser, C. Honegger, D. Smekens, J. Leitner, M. Steffen, C. Schnerre, H. Pitts, M. Petzel and T. Bardslay. **BACK ROW:** J. Korte, T. Myers, T. Vice, F. Ilnicki, M. McArdle, S. Quinones, K. Skurner, J. Royal, B. Cochran, M. Magley, R. Pike, K. Hinesley, T. Shalley, T. Frus, L. Blair, J. Seese, K. Blair, R. Gardentour and S. Butler.

Choirs Unite For Spectacular Results

The stage was ablaze with color and excitement as the Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Swing Era and Jazz Band revealed their show, **Spectacular Plus**, on April 29 and 30.

With Peggy Pfister and Peter Hazelton acting as emcees for the evening, choir members performed 26 musical numbers, ranging from country and western ballads and golden oldies to gospel, scat singing and pop.

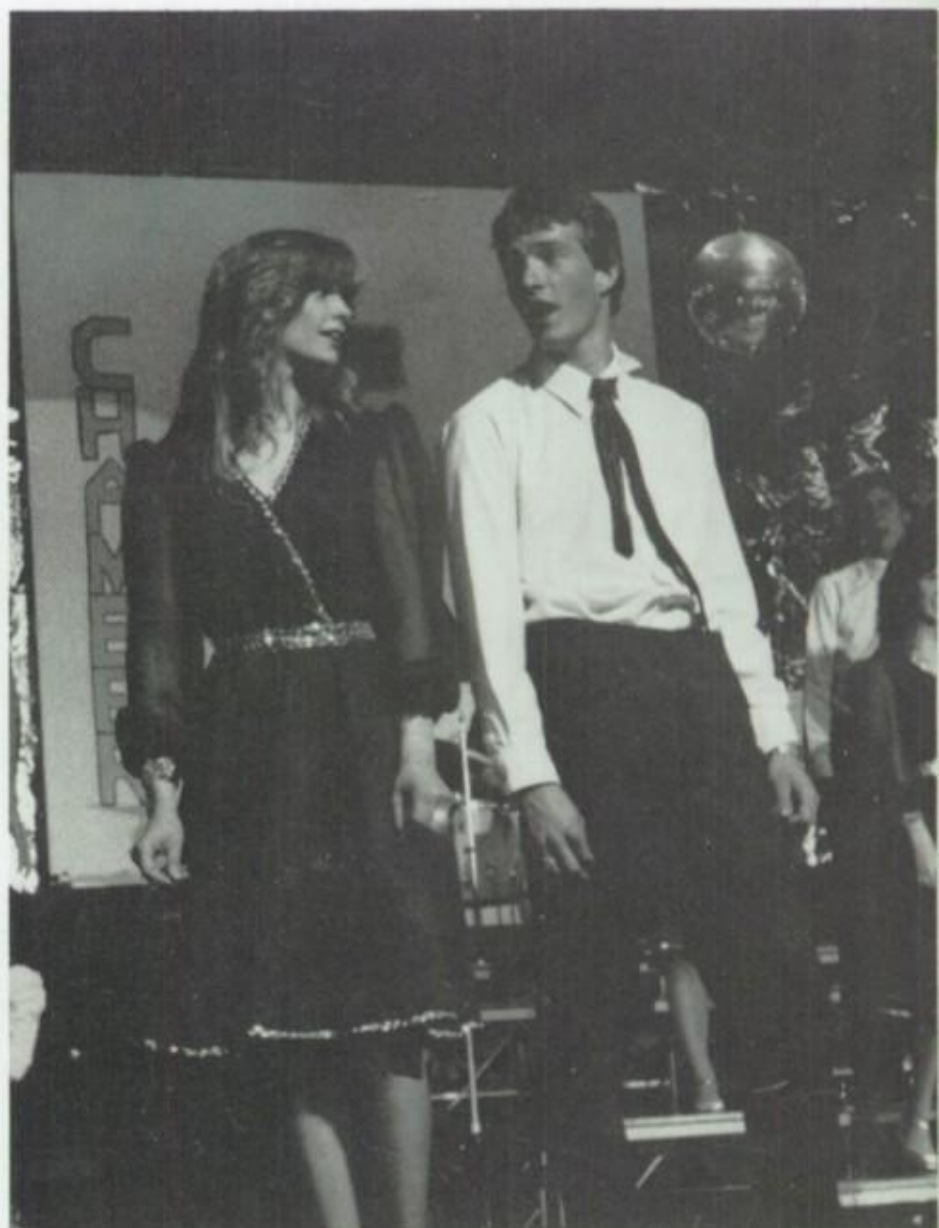
The performers' talents went beyond singing, however, as Daphne Braner and Cammy Steffen soloed on the piano, and the Swing Era donned cowboy boots and hats to square dance, with

Tina Poorman and Shari Speheger demonstrating a western clog tap dance.

Yet no singing, dancing or piano playing quite captured the audience's hearts as did Suzie Maynard when she came on stage with the help of her walker and used sign language and facial expressions to the music of "What the World Needs Now."

With Spectacular Plus, the musical department finished off the school year positively. "I felt it was a success," stated choral director Valerie Ennis. "It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it."

— Shari Stauffer



Angie George and Tom Link take a trip into the past as they perform some oldies but goodies.



SWING ERA. FRONT ROW: Andy Hazelton, Carol Strunk, Daphne Braner, Jim Royal, Angie George and Peter Hazelton. **SECOND ROW:** Angie Renner, Stacey Speheger, Deb Barnell, Brad Pike, Scott Carr, Heather Jackson, Tina Thompson, Jim Paxton and Gina Cully. **BACK ROW:** Beth Meyer, Phil Moser, Cheryl Schorey, Tom Link, Angela Grusd, Ben Gerber, David Butler, Kyle Wietholter, Lori Smith, Dave Carnall, Peggy Pfister, Randy Newman, Sanja Shane and Mrs. Valerie Ennis.

ing Era members Brad Pike and
eryl Schorey entertain the audi-
e with their version of "Jambo-
."

Gina Cully and Andy Hazelton get
into the swing of things in one of
Spectacular's many dance num-
bers.



CHAMBER CHOIR. SEATED: Cammy Steffen, Sherry Brickey and Mrs. Valerie Ennis. **STANDING:** Cheryl Honegger, Regan Kreigh, Janet Schaffter, June Higgins, Anne Link, Cindy Ridge, Patty Dillman, Karlene Eymer, Tonya Dickason, Jim Curran, Scott Stanley and Jim Korte.



CONCERT CHOIR. FRONT ROW: Laura Bailey, Kim Geyer, Michelle DeWitt, Ashley Flowers, Tina Bowen and Heidi Wolfe. **SECOND ROW:** Jackie Myers, Karla Perkins, Patti Sprunger, Lisa Carnall, Shari Speheger, Tina Poorman and Rita Hultz. **THIRD ROW:** Barbara Gilbert, Sandy Shaw, Rhonda Foster, Marion Schnerre, Tami Frauhiger, Gay Poin-dexter and Dawn Betz. **BACK ROW:** Lila Brinneman, Brenda Cochran, Beth Trubey, Lori Mann, Kim Dillon and Dawn Greenlee.

Using facial expression and sign lan-
guage, Susan Maynard tells the audi-
ence that "What the World Needs
Now is Love."



BHS Goes To The Valley, "Fer Shurr"

The halls of BHS are no exception to the fads that are continually sweeping the country, and some of the new fads that swept through the city limits during the year were miniskirts, valley girl lingo, punk hairstyles and crew cuts.

Senior Dawn Gatke, a real trend setter, was one of the first girls to get her hair cut punk, and she was proud of it. "I just got tired of seeing the same hairstyles on everyone," she explained. "You know, like most of the girls in school have either long or

short hair. It's just boring! So I got my hair cut." Dawn was also notorious for abusing the English language with her valley girl talk and for putting together unusual outfits that could have come right off the pages of *Vogue*. How does it feel to be a trend setter? Dawn claimed, "It's okay. It is just part of the process. Some start trends and some follow them. I try to follow trends that I like on the national level, and on the local level, I guess people think I start them."

Tina Rhoades, the first ju-

nior to wear a mini skirt, was a trend setter in her own right. Her exotic clothing styles varied from day to day, but she was never without her walkman and at least one or two buttons that expressed her personality. Also known for her undying school spirit, she was often seen at sporting events with red and black hair and tiger paws printed on her face.

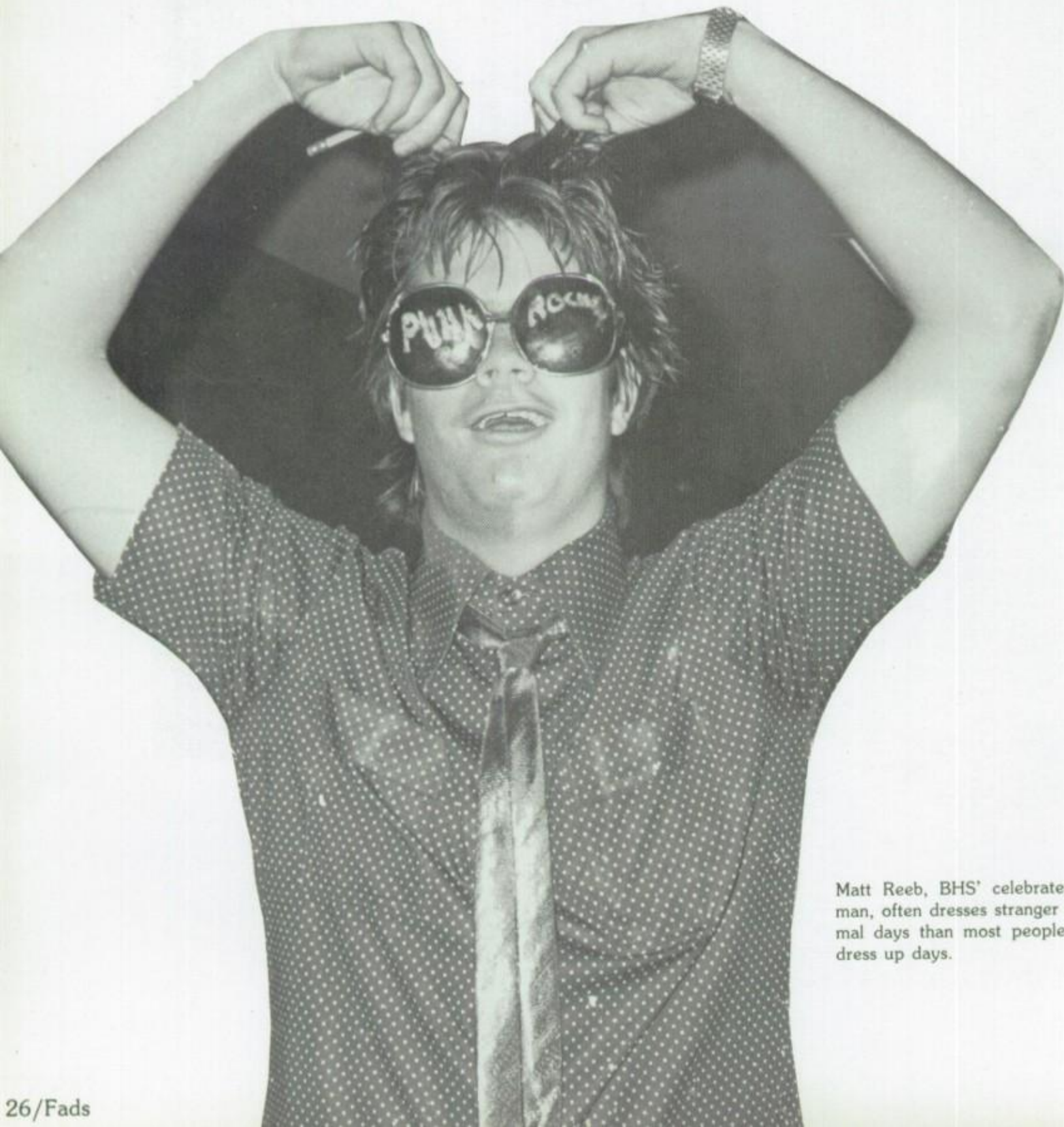
Sophomore individualist Matt Reeb made no claim to setting trends, but that was just fine with him. "People think the way I dress is differ-

ent, but that is the way I am," he explained. Sporting black clothes, army boots, leather ties and a punk hair cut that he greases and once dyed blue, Matt certainly was one of a kind. "I may be weird," he confessed, "but it is me, and that is the way I like it."

In the freshman class, Jim Boggs and Chuck Fear took the initiative and opted for crew cuts. Mike Snider, Travis Shane and Dave McArdle followed suit, and the five boys soon became known as the "burr brothers."

Once these students broke the ice, BHS was soon flooded with fashions of every kind. Students traded jeans and t-shirts for mini skirts, and as the year ended, BHS' dress code was put to the test as some students demanded unsuccessfully to wear shorts.

— Carla Strong
Jane Noe



Matt Reeb, BHS' celebrated madman, often dresses stranger on normal days than most people do on dress up days.



Jim Boggs, Dave McArdle, Travis Shane and Mike Snider proudly display the haircuts that won them the nickname of the "burr brothers."



Sophomore Wendy Sallach is one of many at BHS who succumbed to the comfort of miniskirts.

With her authentic blood-spattered t-shirt and handmade blue jean miniskirt, Tina Rhoades is appropriately dressed for punk day.

Students Treated To Tropical Paradise

The city of Bluffton was quiet on the evening of April 22. Yet if a person was within a range of fifty yards of the high school, the atmosphere was the complete opposite. It was not hard to tell that something was going on; the juniors and seniors of BHS were spending "A Night In The Tropics."

Selecting the Tropics as the theme for the reception and all night party, the juniors gave the seniors a night

to remember, from the authentic Hawaiian entrance to the early morning breakfast.

After entering into this world of palm trees and Pacific breezes, students were treated to a dinner of the tropical cuisine. Soon to follow, with after dinner entertainment, was the Dekalb High School Swing Choir under the direction of Reed LeFavour, a former choral director at BHS.

What would a prom be

without a coronation of a king and queen? No problem here, the king and queen of the pacific paradise were Bill Record and Cheryl Honegger.

The overnight stay on the islands proceeded as the group, Endgame, kicked off the formal dance. Long dresses and tuxedos swayed to the music until 1:00 a.m. Students then changed clothes and returned for the All-Night Party. Dancing to the beat of

L & W Sounds, prom goers partied up to 4:00 a.m. To energize their tired dispositions, breakfast was served while the tropical paradise faded back to reality.

With the help of faculty and parents, BHS juniors and seniors truly spent "A Night In The Tropics."

— Phil Moseley



Bill Sparks and his date enjoy the festive atmosphere of the tropical paradise at the formal dance.

Cheryl Honegger and Bill Record take their respective places at the throne as prom queen and king. Making up the rest of the court were first runners-up Angie George and Dave Surfus and second runners-up Donna Brown and Mike Deam.





Oblivious to everything but each other, Tom Steffen and Beth Meyer sway to the soft sounds of Endgame.

In formal attire, Tanya Isch, Sanja Shane, Brad Pike, Tim Engle, Larry Mock and Jim Royal hurry to the prom.



Sophomore "natives" Gina Cully and Julie Gilbert greet prom guests Mrs. Billy Kreigh and Jeff Higginbottom with brightly colored leis.

After five hours of dancing, Steve Fether, Blake Poindexter, Kyle Wietholter and Lisa Bowman take a moment to recuperate during the informal dance.



Lynn Squier decides that a diploma really is worth four years of her life.



In a very emotional moment, Mary McArdle accepts both a hug and a diploma from her father.

The Swing Era and all senior choir members combine to bid a musical farewell to the Class of 1983.



Seniors Turn A Page In Time

The 101st graduating class of BHS turned to the final page in the history of its high school career on May 22 during commencement exercises in the gym.

Each senior started a book of his own as he began his sophomore year, and as the days passed, each page became filled with memories of friends, weekends, Friday night football and basketball games and long hours of studying and practicing.

The book became longer and longer, and on a Sunday afternoon, the final chapter was completed. Graduates gathered in the school cafeteria to struggle into their caps and gowns and await their

cue to proceed into the gym. The excitement was high as the time finally drew near and the band began to play "Pomp and Circumstance."

Class President Bill Record first called upon Dee Dee Dillon to give the invocation, followed by Salutatorian Tanya Isch with her speech. Tanya drew the audience an imaginary cartoon about a frightened graduating senior who realizes the uncertainty of the real world and admits "I want my mommy."

Under the direction of Valarie Ennis, choral members performed "Closing Prayer" and "How Do We Say Goodbye." Sherry Brickey, third in the class, then rose to give

the Student Address. Valedictorian Beth Lohmuller gave the traditional speech, taking her classmates back to kindergarten round-up, and using determination and flexibility as key words for the future.

After comments by Dr. Milo Eiche and Dr. Thomas Byanski, School Board President Don McArdle then began the presentation of the diplomas. The first name called was Susan Maynard, and as she walked across the stage with the aid of a walker, she received a standing ovation from fellow graduates and the audience for her determination and courage. Ninety-six students then

walked across the stage with their diplomas, followed by Kyle Wietholter's benediction.

Finally, the band played the recessional and the Class of 1983 marched out of the gym where proud parents took pictures as hugs, tears, and goodbyes were exchanged. The sentimental spirit of the moment, former classmates reflected on the past year and looked to the future while "turning a page in time."

— Shari Staudt

Armed with awards from the Day ceremonies, the Senior Class gathers for the traditional portrait.



Nervously eyeing the crowd, Joe Huss and Cheryl Honegger enter the gym for the last time as seniors.

As they listen to Dr. Byanski, seniors can not help wondering if their diplomas are really in the stack.





Beth Lohmuller reminds classmates of that long-ago kindergarten round-up in her Valedictorian Address.

Graduates Bid Farewell To BHS



Ninety-seven empty chairs symbolize the end of the reign of the 101st graduating class of BHS.

After receiving a diploma and a standing ovation, Susan Maynard gets congratulations from Miss Janet Baker.



ACADEMICS



With the help of Miss Studebaker, sophomore English students search for dangling modifiers and participial phrases.

Speech Class Added To Language Curriculum

The Language Arts Department encompassed classes in reading, English, German, Spanish and journalism. In addition, the school board made a speech class mandatory for all sophomores. The class helped round out the department, giving the student body a wide range of communication opportunities.

Underclassmen worked on term papers, grammar skills, speeches and book reports that in turn expanded their vocabulary. Senior English classes decreased in enrollment but continued to prepare students for college.

Speech classes were geared toward increasing oral communication skills. In addition to the required course for sophomores, an Advanced Speech Communications class was offered.

Although the journalism class was can-

celled, the Publications class kept the school informed with 14 issues of the **Comet** and the '83 edition of the **Retro-spect**. Pressures were a part of publications as deadlines drew near and money-making projects were continued throughout the year to meet the increased costs of yearbook productions.

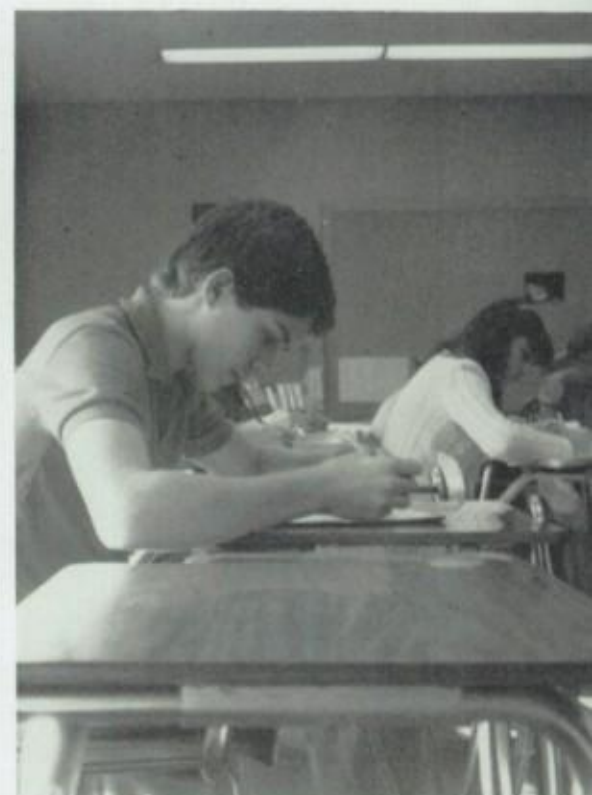
German and Spanish classes focused on proper language techniques. Foreign cultures and customs were also explored and experienced.

Students were offered many opportunities in the area of language arts. With an effective and talented faculty, many students absorbed information that enriched their lives.

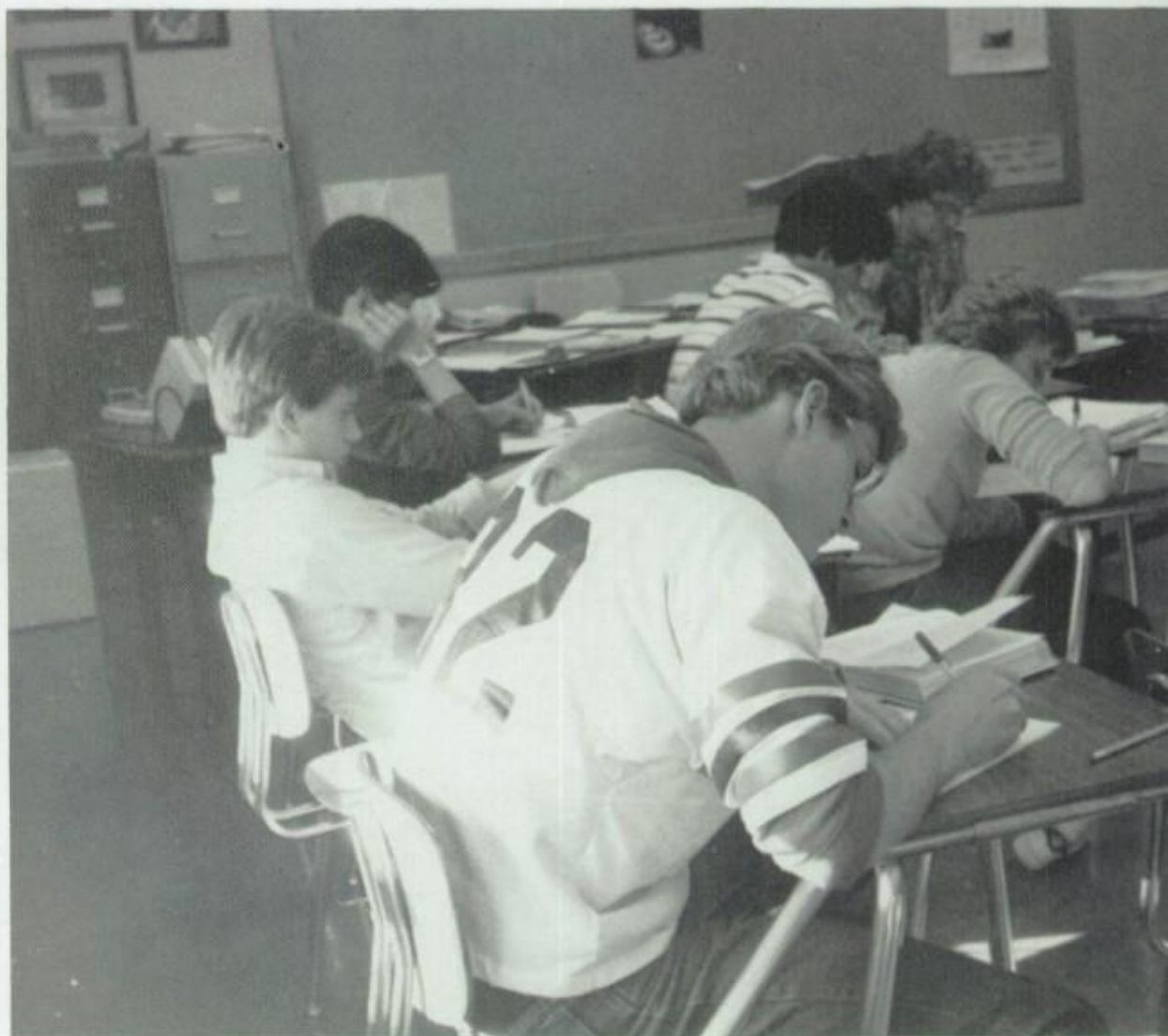
— Rea Masterson

While Phil Moser and Peggy Curran relax with old **Retro-spect**, **Comet** editor Shari Stauffer finds herself swamped with stories to check.

Sophomore Kent Hook struggles through a to-semester test. Making up 20% of the semester grade, semester exams were not to be taken lightly.



LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHERS, **FRONT ROW:** Stan Gilbert, Billy Kreigh and Tom Schwartz. **BACK ROW:** Jerry Flueckiger, Denise Norman, Hilda Studebaker, Diane Wright and Sheldon Shalley.



Scott Longenberger and Rich Brown can think of things that they would rather be doing than studying gerunds, participles and infinitives in English class.



Hiding behind her stack of books, Tina Rhoades pretends to do her homework while writing a note.

Doug Betz, Daphne Steury, Mark Beals and classmates take a break after giving speeches in Spanish.

Fine Arts Provides Outlet For The Talented

Concert Choir members Jackie Myers, Tami Frauhiger, Laura Bailey, Kim Geyer and Dawn Greenlee rehearse Christmas songs for the combined caroling effort by the three county school choirs.



The Fine Arts Department made a few changes, including a new choir director and the production of a play by the Theatre Arts class.

The Swing Era gave their first performance under Mrs. Valerie Ennis as they hosted the 11th annual Street Fair Choral Contest. The Bengal Brigade also made an appearance at Street Fair, marching in the opening night parade and in exhibition during the band contest the following night.

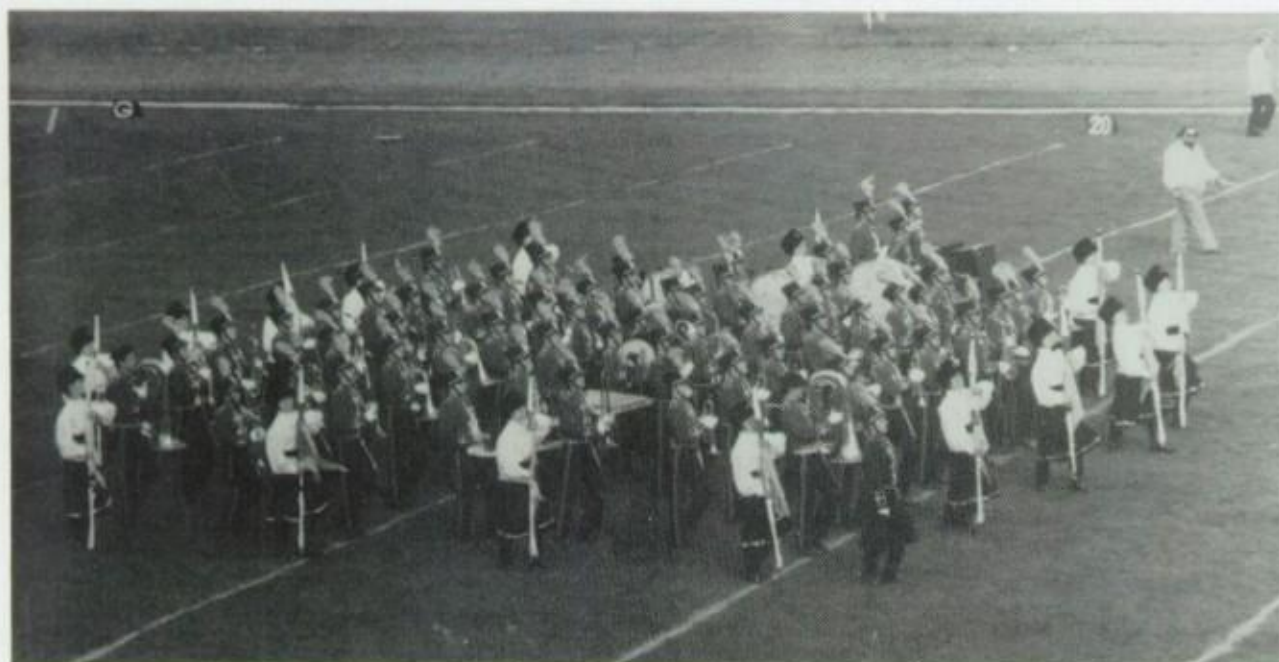
In the Fall, the art classes painted Halloween pictures on the windows at Pizza Hut, receiving second place along with a \$20 gift certificate. Fall was also a busy time for the Bengal Brigade as they took first places in two invitationals and at district contest. The Brigade also hosted "On the Banks of the Wabash." One

week later at state contest the Bengal took a sixth place. The Theatre Arts class held auditions in October for the play "Our Town" and made a public performance months later on Jan. 7.

During the winter months, the art classes brought the Christmas spirit to BHS with holiday painting on windows and doors. The choirs held a Christmas concert on Dec. 16 as the band geared up for their spring productions.

Spring arrived and brought unique show-stopping ideas to the Music Department. The band and choirs once again dazzled the public with performances of **Fantasia '83** in April and **Spectacular Plus** in May.

— Scott Ca



In an evaluation competition, the Brigade leaves the field at the Winchester Band Festival. Bands were not awarded places but were scored for self-evaluation.

FINE ARTS TEACHERS. Dave Stroop, Donna Ballinger, Brad Roberts, Valerie Ennis and Ofelia Hernandez.





Playing the part of the stage manager, Jim Paxton briefs the audience concerning the scenes to follow in the Theatre Arts production of "Our Town."



To help instill the Holiday spirit, Sophomore Deidre Thompson works tediously on a Christmas design for the commons area windows and doors.



Adding a special quality to their roles, Dawn Gatke and Tom Link practice lines from "Our Town" in the last rehearsal before opening night.



Knowing that practice makes perfect, Mark Magley grabs his music stand and saxophone for an after-school practice session that became routine for many.

Band students wake up in a hurry each weekday morning in an effort to get their instruments out and tuned before the 8 a.m. first period bell.

Wide Range Of Offerings, Computers Still Popular

When the year 2000 rolls around and one's days have long since ended at BHS, will a person still remembers one of those famous "Kracium Quizes," the psychology projects that only Freud could have completed, or the mile long math assignments? Chances are, yes.

These and other such "pleasant" memories were experienced in the classes that make up the Math, Science and History Departments, memories that will be branded in the minds of many BHS students for all time to come.

Seniors had their choice of taking Advanced Biology, Senior Math and Physics. Some juniors tried their hand at Algebra II and Chemistry while sophomores were offered Geometry. Freshmen were kept busy as General Science, Biology, Algebra I, and General Math were offered to

them.

Juniors and seniors were given the chance to take the computer course, as long as they had met the requirements of Algebra I and Geometry. As expected, many students signed up for the popular course, but enrollment was limited.

Students were given another good dose of education as the U.S. History, World History, U.S. Government, Psychology and Economic classes contributed to the learning cause. U.S. History was required for juniors, but one could major in the subject by taking World History. Seniors completed requirements by taking a semester of U.S. Government and either Economics or Psychology.

— Phil Moser

Eric Satterfield concentrates on a theory in Geometry class, a popular class since becoming a prerequisite for the computer class.



HISTORY TEACHERS. Steve Fischer, Mike Kra-
n and Stan Gilbert. Not pictured: Rex Bowser.



Taking notes plays a major role in Mr. Gilbert's U.S. History class, and Mitch Steffen prepares himself for a long period.



ors Sam Steffen and Laura Ault try to discover
olution to the distance vs. time experiment in
Broman's Physics class.

Steffen, Judy Shaw and Laurie Sallach mea-
the mass of the beaker for the first step of their
riment in Chemistry class.



MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHERS. Bob Kaylor,
Ralph Broman, Ken Ballinger, Floyd Soper, Eugene
Edington, Steve Wagner and Ron Gremaux.

Vocational Classes Offer Life-Long, Practical Skills

Beating the daily grind of classes is not easy, but it can be done. Classes in the Business, Home Economics and Industrial Arts Departments gave students a chance to study independently and explore new fields.

The Business Department prepared students for future careers with classes in the areas of accounting, general business, business law and typing. Students enrolled in Intensive Lab went a step further as they dealt with real-life business situations set up in an office atmosphere.

In the Home Economics Department, students polished up cooking and sewing skills. Classes in family care and manage-

ment helped students understand the responsibilities that go along with raising and budgeting for a family.

The Industrial Arts Department offered a wide variety of classes. Students did everything from making wooden shelves and metal meat tenderizers to running the printing press in classes that dealt with woods, metals, drafting and graphic arts.

Vocational classes helped students to learn skills that will be of benefit to them later in life.

— Scott Carr

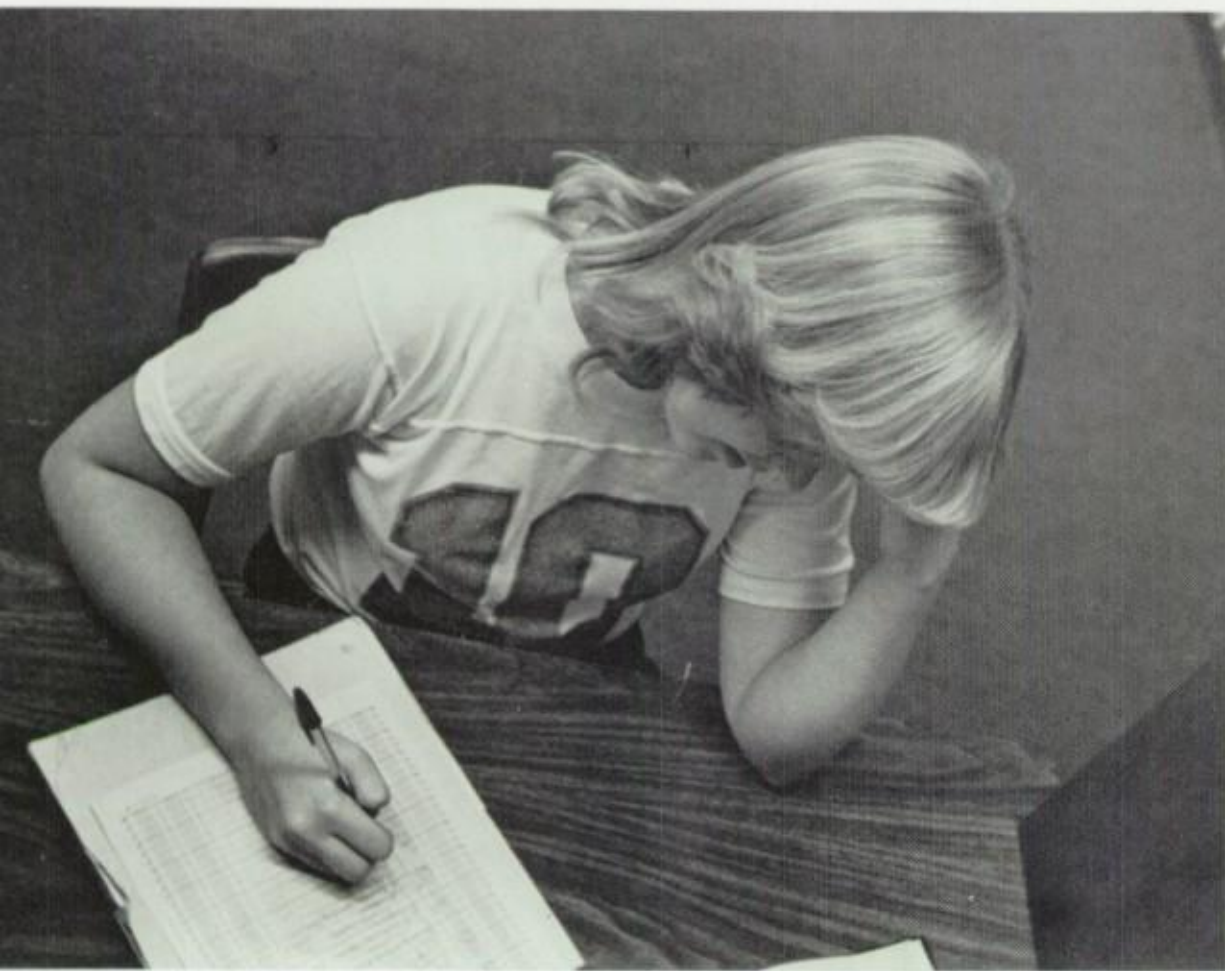
Lora Monsey shows patience while working at her sewing machine, knowing it takes time and effort to get a perfect finished product.



BUSINESS TEACHERS. SEATED: Judy Emshwiller and Valerie Goodspeed. **STANDING:** Jim Brown, Dennis Kummer and Ron DeWitt.

Teamwork is common in the home economics kitchen. Mike Wright and Donna Garrison find washing dishes takes only half the time when there are two.





Fighting the figures frustration, Dawn Greenlee attempts to equal out her debits and credits and balance her books in accounting class.

HOME ECONOMICS AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHERS. Eugene Edington, Kathy Fritts, Liz Gerend, Jim Grant, Keith Vardamam and George Moore.



Shuman Matt Garrett escapes from his assigned fourth period study hall to become a student aid in Mr. Goodspeed's Intensive Lab Class.

It was not surprising that pizza was voted the favorite food at Bluffton. Deidre Thompson prepares her favorite toppings for a home economics assignment.



Max Gephart discovers that concentration, a steady hand and a trusty T-square are all essential for success in Mr. Moore's drafting class.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH TEACHERS. Mr. Tony Garton, Miss Diane Wright and Mr. Jon Stroup. (Not pictured: Mr. Rex Bowser.)



Mental/Physical Link Puts Health In Perspective

Attempting to make students physically fit and aware of their physical and mental well-being was the responsibility of the Health and Physical Education Department.

The beginning of the school year brought with it some changes in the department. Added to the faculty was Mr. Jon Stroup, who assumed his position as Health and Safety instructor. Also, a new class was added to the schedule as Advanced Physical Education was offered to juniors and seniors.

All sophomores were scheduled into three class periods in the gym, making each class over thirty strong. The overcrowding of gym classes with few facili-

ties limited the activities offered, but the remodeled stage was used extensively for aerobics and dance classes.

Health classes stressed personal hygiene and physiology and explored current health issues. Explicit movies succeeded at educating some students while others with weak stomachs discovered what it feels like to pass out and that skin can turn green.

Physical education and health worked together to reveal the connection between good physical and mental health.

— Phil Moser



In health class, Sheri Hart, Gail Isch, Sherri Collins and Jean Steffen practice one method of taking the human heart rate.

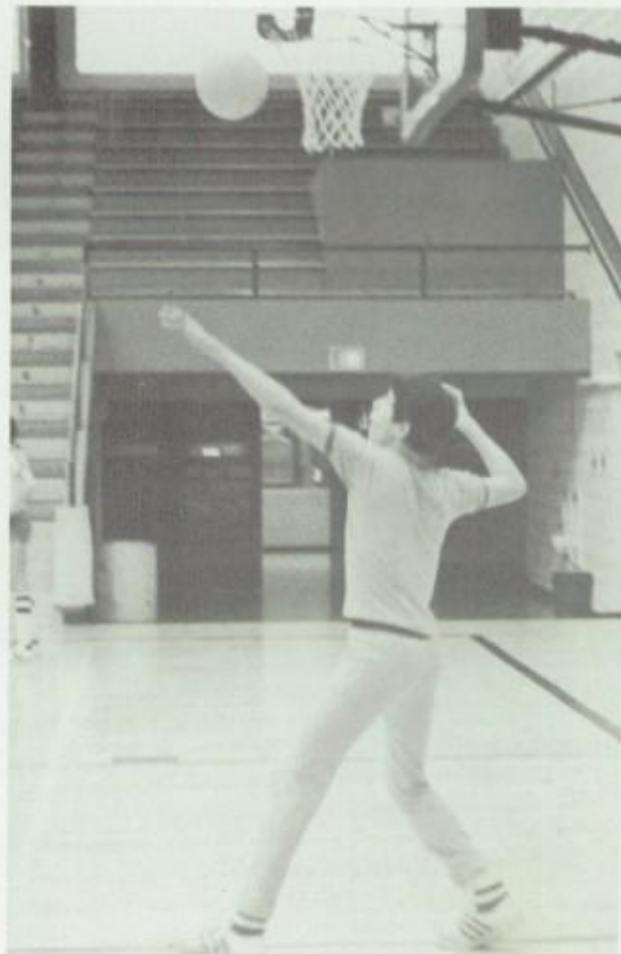


Mary Petzel stretches her hamstring muscles during the 10 minute warm-up period before performing 20 minutes of aerobics, part of a 9 week unit.



The Advanced P.E. class was small enough to allow those students to use community facilities. Keith Wheeler looks for a strike at the Bowling Center.

Chuck Fear practices an overhand serve, one of the skills presented to those students who qualified to learn advanced volleyball techniques.



Bob Heckman and Matt Garrett wait for the call by the official, Tony Garton, as Max Gephart plays goalie in a fast-paced game of crab soccer.

When a milkshake is at stake, there is no such thing as fair play as Tony Shively tells a joke to distract Tim Williams as he releases the ball.

JUNIOR SCHOLASTIC AWARDS. FRONT ROW: Marybeth Parsons, Daphne Willett, Kris Gerber, Peter Hazelton and Jim Streater. **SECOND ROW:** Judy Shaw, Kim Miller, Heather Jackson and Mike Blair. **THIRD ROW:** Carol Schnerre, Sue King, Steve Fether, Rodney Bucher and Tom Vanden Top. **BACK ROW:** Barbara Dyson, Angela Grusd, Kim Brown, Fred Ilnicki, Tom Link, Barbara Schnerre and Clay Taylor.

SOPHOMORE SCHOLASTIC AWARDS. FRONT ROW: Jean Steffen, Gail Isch, Carol Strunk, Andrea Mock, Cindy Szott, Heather Pitts, Leah Huvendick and Cammy Steffen. **SECOND ROW:** Daphne Braner, Lisa Pearson, Beth Meyer, Deidre Thompson, Lacey Knowles and Kris Hinesley. **BACK ROW:** John Emshwiller, David Sundling, Gerry Riveiros, Eric Satterfield and Chris Honegger.

The five seniors who were selected to attend Boys' and Girls' State were Bill Record, Mike Deam, Rick Miller, Mark Biddle and Angie George.



Students Recognized For Scholastic Abilities

Students were honored for academic excellence at the beginning of the year with the scholastic breakfast, as well as at the end of the year on Class Day.

The scholastic breakfast was held to honor students who maintained a specific grade point average during the previous year. Pins were presented to seniors, and certificates were handed out to 21 juniors and 19 sophomores who completed this requirement.

On May 20, Class Day was held in the BHS auditorium. Community members and teachers presented scholarships, trophies, certificates and cash awards to deserving seniors and underclassmen. The \$6000 Franklin Electric Scholarship went to Mike Deam. Natalie Hay received the Emshwiller Cup Award for sportsmanship, the \$600 Tri Kappa Scholarship and the Lions Club Scholarship. Angie

George received the \$200 Bluffton-Harrison Teachers Scholarship, the DAR Award and the American Legion Award. Kyle Weitholder was the male recipient of the American Legion Award, and the P.A. Allen Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Sherry Brickey.

Two underclassmen, Kim Brown and Peter Hazelton, were also award winners on Class Day. Angie George presented Kim with the Psi Iota Xi ring, and Peter was the recipient of the Robert Hannie Memorial Award for personality and sportsmanship.

Mike Deam and Rick Miller wrote and read the class prophecy, an outrageous prediction of the seniors' future. To end the morning's events, Senior Class President Bill Record presented the senior key to Junior Class President Mike Blair.

— Kris Gerber



SENIOR SCHOLASTIC AWARDS. FRONT ROW: Julie Seese, Tanya Isch, Beth Lohmuller and Cheryl Honegger. **BACK ROW:** Mike Deam, Sherry Brickey, Dee Dee Dillon and Jill Biberstein.

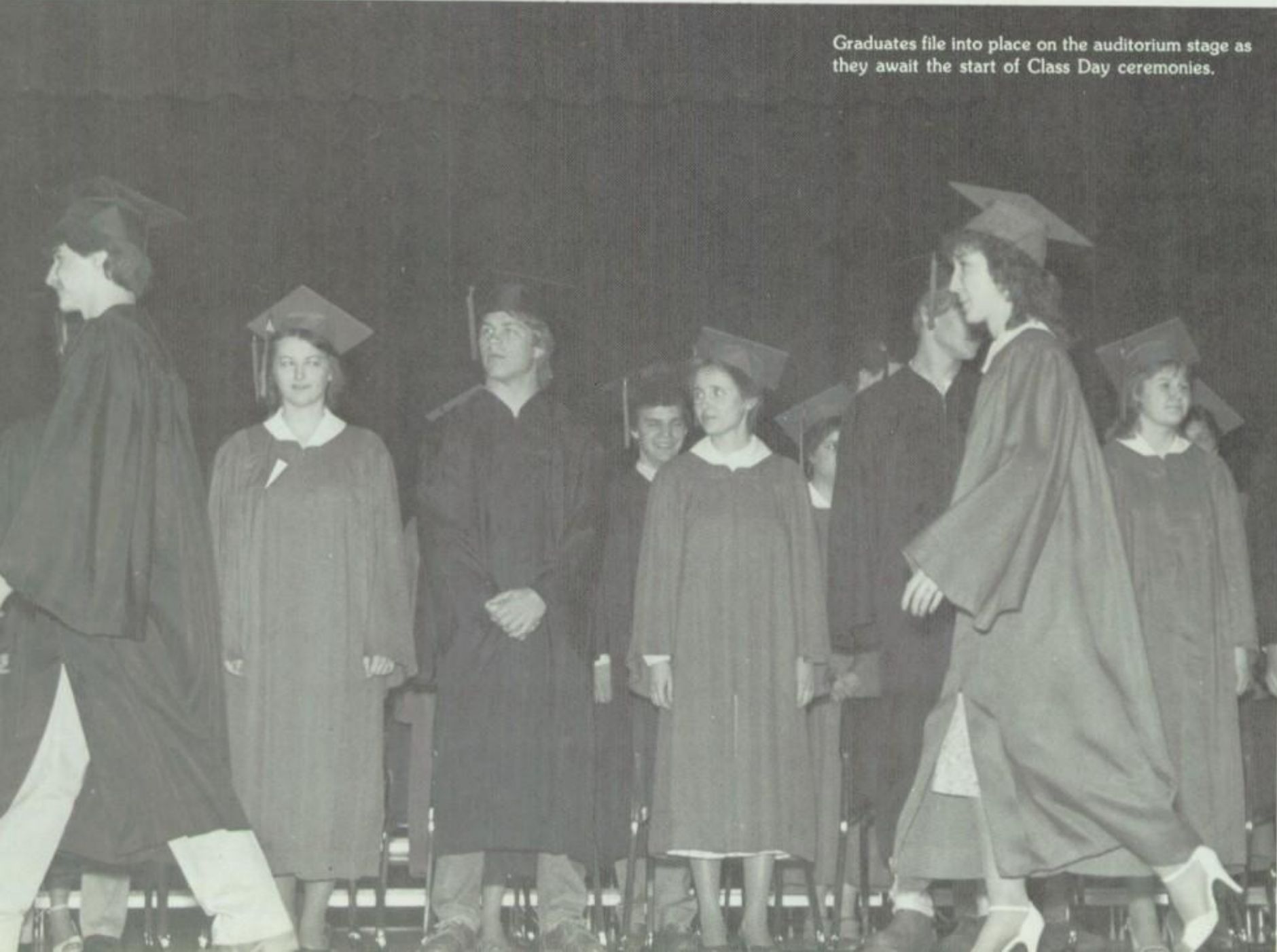
playing their trophies and certificates are senior award winners Dee Dee Dillon, Alpha Associate Tri
 opa Art Award; Stacey Speheger, American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship; Kyle Wietholter, American
 ion Award; Angie George, D.A.R. Award, American Legion Award and the Bluffton-Harrison Teachers
 olarship; and Sherry Brickey, P.A. Allen Memorial Scholarship.



Honored as salutatorian and valedictorian, Tanya
 Isch and Beth Lohmuller were also selected as Hoo-
 sier Scholars and given a \$500 cash award.



Graduates file into place on the auditorium stage as
 they await the start of Class Day ceremonies.



Class Day

After receiving awards, Angie George skims through the **Senior Comet** as Tanya Isch and Mark Patterson wait to have their pictures taken.



Jane Noe received the Hugh O'Brien Award for being selected as the outstanding sophomore.

Outstanding band members, selected by Mr. Roberts because of their contributions to the band, were Tom Shalley, Cindy Szott, Tom Link and Lisa Blair. Mrs. Ennis selected Angie George, Peter Hazelton, Bob Meyer and Karlene Eymer as outstanding choir members.





Junior Peter Hazelton was chosen as the recipient of the Robert Hannie Memorial Award because of his outstanding personality and sportsmanship.

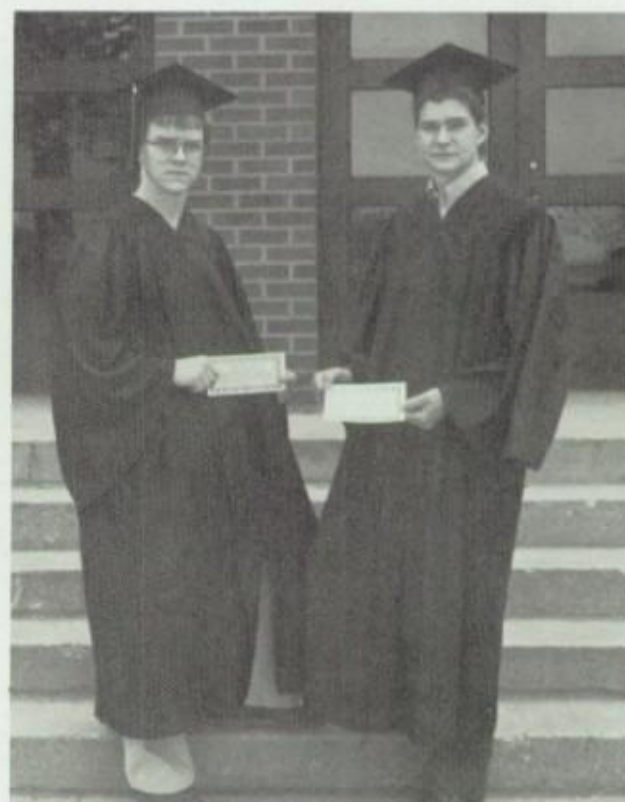


Carla Corle and June Higgins take a last minute look in the mirror to make sure their caps are on straight before going to the Class Day ceremonies.



Senior Kim Brown is awarded the Psi Iota Xi ring to wear during her senior year from Angie George, recipient of the ring last year.

Four senior award winners on Class Day are Tracy Myers, who received the Kiwanis Merit Award; Natalie Hay, presented with the Emshwiller Cup Award, the Tri Kappa Scholarship and the Lions Club Scholarship; Susan Maynard, who received the Sigma Phi Gamma Award; and Julie Seese, the Delta Theta Tau Award winner.



Doug Swisher and Jeff Hook show off the certificates they earned for maintaining perfect attendance throughout their four high school years.

National Honor Society

Dee Dee Dillon, president
Beth Lohmuller, vice-president
Sherry Brickey, secretary

Jill Biberstein
Cheryl Honegger
Julie Seese
Connie Baumgartner
Lisa Blair
Debbie Brown
Donna Brown
Michael Deam
Natalie Hay
Tanya Isch
Mary McArdle

Bill Record
Stacey Speheger
Carol Walburn
Kim Brown
Peter Hazelton
Heather Jackson
Sue King
Kim Miller
Judy Shaw
Cheryl Schorey

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL STUDENTS. **FRONT ROW:** Pam Shedd, Peggy Settle, bus driver Jill Shane and director Ken Ballinger. **ON THE BUS:** Kent Bower, Duane Adams, Mike Uptgraft, Brian Ginter, Rick Morgan, John Hill, Tracy Myers, Larry Mock, Scott Sliger, Brian Noble, Steve Burns and Alan Bower.



ICE/RVS Is Light On Vocational Horizon

Due to the availability of the Regional Vocational School (RVS) and the continuation of the Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE) program, thirty-three juniors and seniors grasped the opportunity to widen their educational horizons beyond the normal high school experience.

To give students that extra edge in the working world is what the ICE program is all about. Sponsored by Mrs. Judy Emshwiller, the program allowed seventeen seniors to leave school early each day and go to part-time jobs to gain work experience and make money. Of course, they still had to take the required high

school courses needed to graduate.

Sponsored by Mr. Ken Ballinger, the RVS program permitted seventeen students to travel to the vocational school in Fort Wayne. There, these students became acquainted with the fields of communications, mechanics, construction, data processing, food service and health care. Some RVS students chose to be in a work release program and were paid for their skills.

Because of these two optional programs, seeds were sown with hopes of future flowering careers.

— Phil Moser

The Alamo restaurant brought increasingly popular Mexican food to the Bluffton area. Senior Cam Zoll keeps customers supplied with nachos.

At the RVS Center in Ft. Wayne, Rick Morgan practices repairing and covering auto rust spots, a skill in demand after an Indiana winter.



Duane Adams and Tracy Myers apply their mechanical skills learned at RVS to a malfunctioning bus.



INTERDISCIPLINARY COOPERATIVE EDUCATION STUDENTS. **FRONT ROW:** Lynn Squier, Deb Moser, Candy Zoll, Tracy Taylor, Jeff Hook, Matt Bardsley and Kelli Decker. **BACK ROW:** Mitch Barger, Tim Engle, Brian Liby, Kevin Ripple, Mary Perry, Dawn Perry, Dave Browning, Phil Baumgartner, Brenda Cobbum, Diann Breedlove and sponsor Mrs. Judy Emshwiller.



Dawn Perry learns that one must be multi-talented to work at Famous Recipe. When Dawn is not preparing chicken, she is impersonating one.



Although Mark Biddle may not really be interested in a career as a science teacher, he learns responsibility and leadership as a cadet teacher.

With the help of Lincoln Logs, Camille Brewer teaches the importance of working together to two of her kindergarten students.



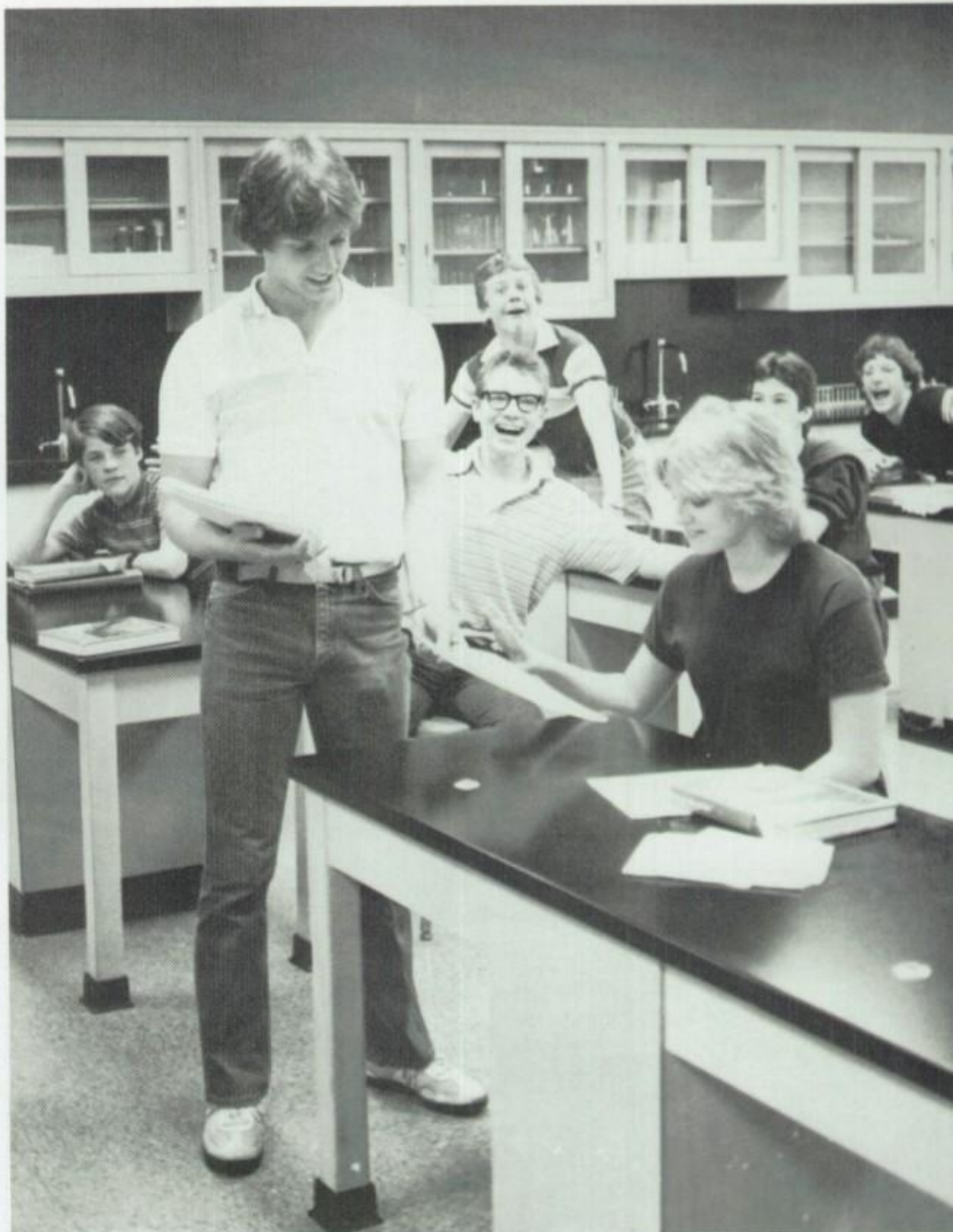
Cadets Shift Into Teacher Roles

Learning by teaching others was the unique experience of nineteen seniors who participated in the Cadet Teaching Program under the direction of Miss Janet Baker.

Eleven students taught at the middle school, five at East Side and one each at the Poplar Grove Training Center and Columbian. Due to scheduling conflicts, Mary Steffen and Debbie Brown went beyond the regular high school class day by adding an extra hour of teaching after school.

According to Miss Baker, this type of program allows the student to be a para-professional, teaching younger students while learning from the teacher.

— Scott Carr



CADET TEACHERS. **FRONT ROW:** Sanja Shane, Rea Masterson, Debbie Brown, Angie George, Teresa Moore. **BACK ROW:** Miss Baker, Mary Steffen, Penny Croy, Peggy Lautzenheiser, Dean Smek, Ron Whitesel, Mike Parsons, Mark Biddle, Cheryl Honegger, Dave Surfus and Carla Corle. **NOT PICTURED:** Twilla Sell.

SPORTS



We've caught it!! How about you
Tiger Mania '82

The home of gridder Randy Brickey is one of many hit with "football fever."

"10-1 Ain't Too Bad"

Coach Steve Wagner might have summed up the entire season when he told the football team, "10 and 0 ain't too bad." These were his words after an emotional victory at John Glenn High School where the team accomplished what no other BHS football team had — an undefeated/untied season.

Coach Rex Bowser started the season by installing eight to nine hour daily practices into his players' schedules. Encouragement and positive attitudes were developed. And dreams of an undefeated

season became more and more of a reality with each passing week as the Tigers rolled over opponents one after another.

A mid-season showdown came on Oct. 8 when the 6-0 Tigers met 4-2 Norwell for Bluffton's Fall Festival. The home gridders convinced everyone that they were for real as the Tigers won a 33-21 contest before a crowd of 3,000. The victory broke Norwell's five year winning streak.

Tiger Mania spread throughout the community

and when the regular undefeated season was accomplished, Bluffton prepared to host its first-ever state playoff game. The Tigers were beaten by Woodlan 13-7, in one of the most emotional games to be played at Park Field. Many dreams and hopes appeared lost, but the memories of the achievements of the 1982 Bluffton Tiger Football Team will last forever.

Records now held by the '82 team are as follows: most consecutive shutouts, 3; most points scored in a season, 275; most touchdowns

in a season, 42; total offensive yards in a season, 3,466; most pass interceptions, 2; and most consecutive victories, 10.

Individually, Steve Hoffer became the all-time leading rusher as he erased the season rushing record with 1,615 yards. He also claimed the top three spots in the books under single game rushing with games of 277, 265 and 215 yards.

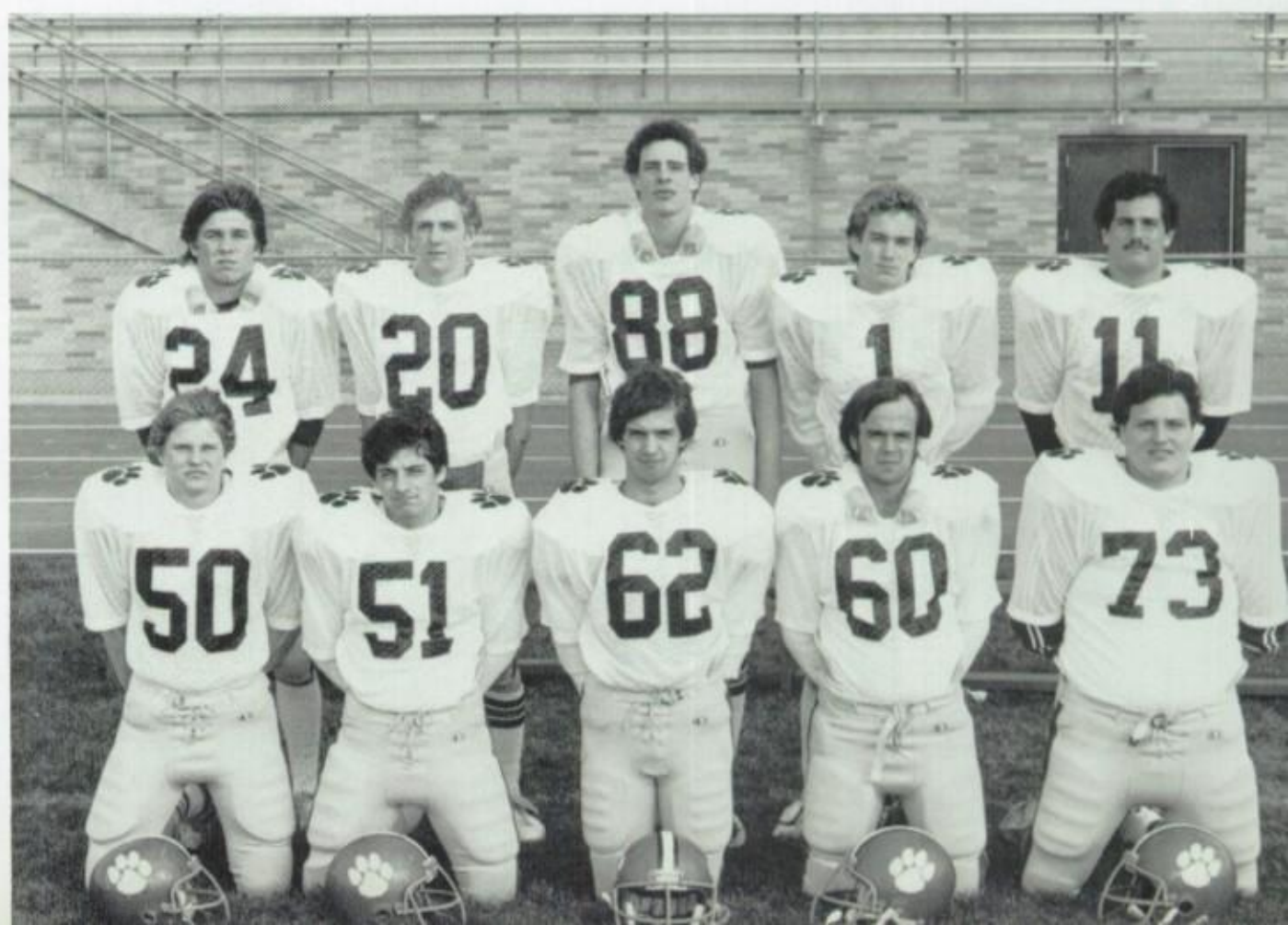
— Steve Hoffer

The Tiger defense, which recorded three straight shutouts for a new school record, eyes the opponent's huddle in the Whitko game.

VARSITY FOOTBALL Season Record: 10-1

	We	They
Southern Wells	26	0
Northfield	25	0
Churubusco	31	0
Whitko	12	7
Eastbrook	40	14
South Adams	25	7
Norwell	33	21
Wes Del	35	7
Adams Central	27	12
John Glenn	14	0
Playoffs		
Woodlan	7	13

SENIOR MEMBERS. FRONT ROW: Jerry Sprankles, Tom Pastore, Mark Biddle, Keith Wheeler and Ron Whitesel. **BACK ROW:** Steve Hoffer, Bill Record, John Phillabaum, Dave Surfus and Mike Parsons.





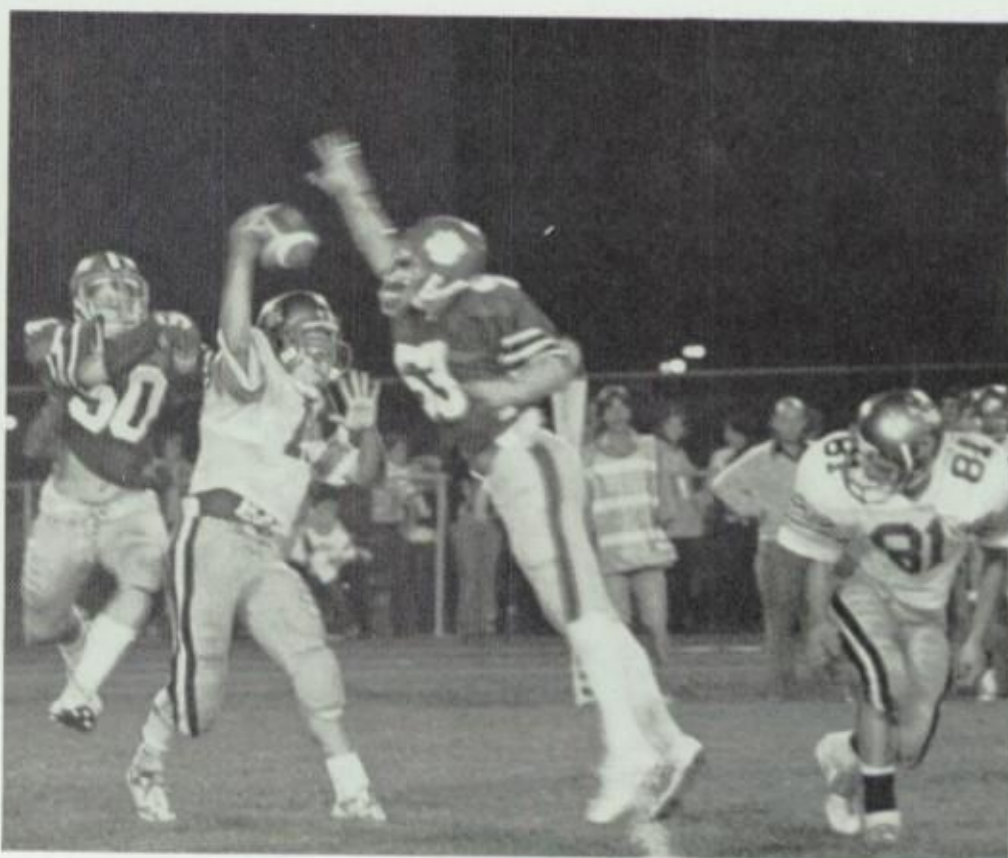
The Tiger gridgers catch a breather while team strategy is devised during halftime of the Woodlan playoff game. Halftime was the only rest many senior two-way players received.

VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.
FRONT ROW: K. Hook, B. Record, M. Parsons, C. Honegger, M. Biddle, K. Wheeler, L. Squier, R. Brickey, S. Hoffer and Asst. Coach Gremaux.
SECOND ROW: Head Coach Bowser, C. Decker, G. Wietholter, R. Whitesel, R. Brown, J. Phillabaum, R. Pike, B. Isch, B. Falk, D. Brickey, D. Carnall and Asst. Coach Wagner.
BACK ROW: S. Longenberger, J. Sprankles, G. Riveros, C. Edington, B. Poindexter, M. Sawyer, T. Pastore, T. Steffen, D. Surfus, P. Hazelton and Mgr. D. Betz. (Not Pictured: Asst. Coach Carpenter)



or quarterback Mike Parsonsumbles out of the pocket while ng for his receivers in the Nor-game.

Senior Jerry Sprankles and junior Brian Isch put heat on Norwell's quarterback during the Fall Festival's football win.



Tiger Honors Just Kept Coming

The 1982 football season officially ended Nov. 2 when the Tigers were eliminated from the playoffs by Woodlan, but the Tiger Mania and honors continued through November and December.

WMEE radio station honored the team by naming them "Team of the Week." Bo Summers presented a huge trophy to Co-Captains Mike Parsons and Tom Pastore before the student body at the convocation. The high school was the next to honor the team by holding a convocation for the gridders and the band. Cake and ice cream were served after Coach Rex Bowser and Drum Major Debbie Brown had thanked everyone for their support.

The team's carry-in banquet was then held at the Presbyterian Church. Gag gifts were given to senior members and mementos were given to all players. At

the Fall Awards Program, each member of the varsity team received a Major "B" award. Trophies were given for individual efforts with the "Tiger of the Year" trophy going to Dave Surfus, "Defensive Player of the Year" trophy to John Phillabaum, "Most Valuable Back" trophy to Mike Parsons, "Most Valuable Lineman" trophies to Ron Whitesel and Tom Pastore, and the "Most Valuable Player" trophy to Steve Hoffer.

The Lions Club then held a dinner in early December to honor the team. A plaque with the 1982 record, team scores and players' names, all in the shape of a paw, was

then given to Jack Cross for the high school trophy case.

Various senior members received honors to teams put out after the season. Hoffer made first team UPI All-State running-back and third team AP All-State linebacker. Others making the class "A" AP All-State team were Phillabaum, third team defensive end; Whitesel, third team offensive tackle; and Parsons received honorable mention. Bloomington Herald Telephone All-State honors were given to Phillabaum, first team defensive end; Hoffer, second team running-back and Parsons, honorable mention at quarterback. All-Area honor given to players in

Northeastern Indiana was received by Hoffer at his running-back position. Coach Bowser received "Coach of the Year" honors for the Area team, and Parsons and Phillabaum received honorable mention.

All-County honors were received by Rich Brown, Hoffer, Phillabaum, Parsons, Bill Record, Pastore and Whitesel at their offensive positions. Named to the defense team were Keith Wheel, Hoffer, Phillabaum and Jeff Sprankles. Hoffer also received the "Player of the Year" award for Wells County.

— Steve Hoffer



As Tiger Mania spread throughout the community, Rem Johnson printed up hundreds of bumper stickers and thousands of Tiger paws to be dispersed to fans.



Senior Co-Captains Mike Parsons and Tom Pastore accept the five foot WMEE "Team of the Week" trophy from Bo Summers after the Norwell victory.

Sandi Hughes, Jane Noe, Cheryl Surfus, Jené Pond, Chanda Reeves, Leah Huvendick and Mark Mettler help form the tunnel at the Woodlan game.





Seniors John Phillabaum, selected "Best Defensive Player", and Bill Record receive their awards at the Fall Athletic Awards Program.

Athletic Director Jack Cross accepts a plaque presented by Lions Club member Joe Smekens at the Lions Club Dinner held in honor of the football team. Also pictured are Tom Pastore, Coach Rex Bowser and Mike Parsons.



Coach Bowser expresses his gratitude to the '82 team, student body and community at the convo held for the gridders and band in honor of their accomplishments.

Little Action In Winless Season

The freshmen and reserve football teams had a short season seeing very little action. Due to the lack in numbers, the two teams combined as one team for most of the season.

The reserves played two games and the record stood at 0-1-1. Playing only the Wells County teams, Norwell defeated the reserves 14-0 and the Southern Wells game ended in a 0-0 tie.

The freshmen ended their season 0-3, losing to the three Adams County teams. They lost to Belmont 46-6, South

Adams 8-0 and Adams Central 14-6.

The teams were lead by the quarterbacks Gerry Riveros and Andy Hazelton. The running game proved to be good as Dave McArdle rushed for 180 yards followed closely by Greg Pietz and Chris Honegger.

Although the record was disappointing these players received some valuable experience needed to play at the varsity level.

— Tina Rhoades



RESERVE FOOTBALL Season Record: 0-1-1

	We	They
Norwell	0	14
Southern Wells	0	0

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL Season Record: 0-3

	We	They
Bellmont	6	46
South Adams	0	8
Adams Central	6	14

Greg Pietz walks off the field while teammates scramble for the ball in the combined freshman-reserve game with Norwell.



Freshman Kenny Williams warms up on the sidelines while teammates anticipate their playing time.



Reserve players Chuck Edington and Mike Sawyer await the quarterback's snap from their safety positions.



The combined freshman-reserve defensive team walk back to the huddle to set themselves for the next play in the Norwell game.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM.
FRONT ROW: Jay Miller, Mike Snider, Richie Sills, Mac Knowles, Jim Walburn, Lenny Braner, Kenny Williams, Todd Shalley and Brent Lockwood. **BACK ROW:** Kurt Sundling, Dave McArdle, Andy Hazelton, Mike Howell, Mike Murray, Coach George Moore, Coach Brent Lehman, Greg Pietz, Bret Cole, Travis Shane, Jim Boggs and Tim Kernstein.



Freshmen Todd Shalley and Kenny Williams run to the orders of Coach Moore during a practice on a hot September day.

Seniors Kyle Wietholter and Mike Deam relax after winning hard fought matches against Norwell.

VARSITY TENNIS
Season Record: 4-10

	We	They
Blackford	4	1
New Haven	0	5
South Adams	5	0
East Noble	0	5
Wayne	2	3
Homestead	0	5
Norwell	1	4
Columbia City	1	4
Bellmont	4	1
Ft. Wayne North	2	3
Angola	3	2
Dekalb	1	4
Bishop Luers	1	4
Sectional		
South Adams	5	0
Jay County	3	2
Marion	0	5

RESERVE TENNIS
Season Record: 3-6

	We	They
Blackford	4	1
New Haven	3	0
South Adams	1	0
Norwell	2	4
Bellmont	4	2
Homestead	2	3
Wayne	0	5
Angola	2	5
Dekalb	2	1



No. 2 reserve singles player Tony Shively concentrates on the ball as he attempts a backhand.

Junior Mike Blair reaches high for a return as he approaches the net in a match against a Norwell opponent.





Netters Gear Up For Sectional Finale

Even though Coach Gary Oxenrider's Tiger netters struggled to a 4-10 season record, they came on strong during sectional play. The varsity squad proved themselves at sectional by defeating South Adams by a score of 5-0. Jay County also became victims of the Tigers by a score of 3-2. State ranked Marion closed the Tiger season by defeating Bluffton 0-5.

The varsity squad was led by senior Mike Deam and filling the no. 2 slot was junior Rodney Bucher. Sophomore Rob Karas followed close behind filling the no. 3 position. Making up the no. 1 doubles team were seniors Kyle Wietholter and Drake Moser. The no. 2 position was filled by senior Rick Miller and junior Ben Gerber.

The Tiger cubs gained needed experience by playing in nine matches. The no. 1

singles player was junior Mike Blair, closely followed by senior Tony Shively. The no. 3 position was held by freshman Rodney Pike. The only doubles team consisted of juniors Fred Ilnicki and Jim Korte. The reserves posted a 3-6 season record.

When asked his feelings on the past year, Coach Oxenrider replied, "It took a while to find the needed combination, but once the lineup was settled, we came on real strong toward the end of the season."

— Jane Noe



Mike Deam is not quite convinced that his opponent made the correct call.

VARSITY AND RESERVE TENNIS TEAMS. FRONT ROW: Rodney Pike, Rob Karas, Mike Deam, Rodney Bucher, Ben Gerber and Mike Blair. **BACK ROW:** Coach Gary Oxenrider, Fred Ilnicki, Jim Korte, Kyle Wietholter, Rick Miller, Tony Shively and Drake Moser.





Immense concentration is the only thought in freshman Marion Schnerre's mind as she prepares for the start of a meet against Belmont.

VARSITY AND RESERVE CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS. FRONT ROW: Marion Schnerre, Curt Newman, Brian Curry, Steve Betz, Jeff Smith, Tim Hickey and Manager Shane Brinson. **BACK ROW:** Coach Doug Sundling, Mark Beals, Steve Fether, Ed Zello, Jim Hiester, Tim Prough and Randy Newman.



Senior team captain Tim Hickey raises his arms as he realizes that he has cut his time for the first mile in a meet against Wayne.

Regional qualifier Jim Hiester rounds the one mile point as he pushes to improve his time in the home meet against Belmont.

Junior Tim Prough and sophomore Curt Newman make sure they are well stretched before the start of the meet against Wayne. Bluffton lost the meet 18-43.





CROSS COUNTRY
Season Record: 41-34

	We	They
Jay County	34	22
Adams Central	22	33
Bi-County	2nd/5	
Blackford	34	21
Adams Central	22	37
South Adams	17	46
Churubusco Inv.	10th/25	
Bellmont	25	33
Wayne	43	18
Whitco	30	26
Wabash	43	18
Homestead	36	22
Jay County Inv.	6th/16	
Harding	46	16
Concordia	39	19
Bishop Luers	15	50
NEIAC	6th/9	
Sectional		
at Schoaff Park	7th/12	

Hiester Leads Improved Runners

The cross country squad finished the season with a winning record under second year coach Doug Sundling, finishing the season at 41-34.

The Tigers finished sixth out of nine schools at NEIAC and seventh out of 12 schools at Sectional. Sophomore Jim Hiester, placing fifth at Sectional and first team All-Conference, was the only harrier to see Regional action with a 26th place finish.

The squad, as a whole and individually, improved their finishing times greatly from last year. The most improved clocking was turned in by sophomore Brian Curry, who cut his last year's best by over

three minutes.

Juniors Tim Prough and Steve Fether aided the winning cause by pushing Hiester and improving their own times, being the number two and three runners respectively. Finishing off the varsity squad was Randy Newman, Curt Newman and Curry filling the five, six and seven spots.

Coach Sundling will see a much more experienced team next year as he will lose only one runner, senior captain and number four runner Tim Hickey, to graduation.

— Fred Ilnicki



Spikers Fall Short Of Goals

The girls' varsity volleyball team, coached by Diane Wright, posted a 3-11 record for the season. In conference play, the varsity squad finished at 1-7, with their only win coming against Angola.

Sharing the duties of captain were seniors Tanya Isch and Sanja Shane. Carla Corle paced the Tigers with 25 ace serves while Shari Stauffer led the spiking attack with 17

kills.

The spikers took twelve players to sectional at Bellmont, where they had their sectional hopes crushed by Adams Central, 11-15 and 4-15.

The Tiger team will lose five valuable players including Corle, Natalie Hay, Isch, Shane and Stauffer.

Miss Wright commented "Although our team record was disappointing, I was impressed by the individual performances of several of the players."

The reserve squad, coached by Susan Poulson, had a record of 2-5. They were led by Kristi Blair's 18 ace serves and the spiking of Sharon Carr and Monica Milholland.

— Carla Strong

RESERVE VOLLEYBALL Season Record: 2-5

	We	They
Hunt. Catholic	15, 15	9, 5
Hunt. North	9, 12	15, 15
Jay County	5, 2	15, 15
Adams Central	15, 6, 7	9, 15, 15
Columbia City	8, 0	15, 15
Norwell	7, 10	15, 15
Southern Wells	15, 14, 14	13, 16, 12

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Season Record: 3-11

	We	They
Hunt. Catholic	15, 15	6, 6
Hunt. North	15, 11, 6	11, 15, 14
Jay County	7, 13	15, 15
Adams Central	13, 13	15, 15
Columbia City	2, 4	15, 15
Angola	11, 5, 15	9, 15, 9
Homestead	4, 3	15, 15
Norwell	8, 13	10, 15
New Haven	3, 3	15, 15
Southern Wells	15, 18	7, 16
South Adams	15, 7, 9	13, 15, 15
East Noble	15, 0, 8,	13, 15, 15
Bellmont	10, 2	6, 15, 15
Dekalb	6, 5	15, 15
Sectional		15, 15
Adams Central	11, 4	

Sophomore Jane Noe tries to block a Norwell spike as Carla Corle and the bench watch from behind.

Peggy Pfister, Sue Pagin and Coach Diane Wright enjoy a Tiger victory against Southern Wells.



Kristi Blair and Sharon Carr attempt to block a Southern Wells spike during a victorious home match.



RESERVE VOLLEYBALL TEAM. **FRONT ROW:** Patty Sprunger, Karla Perkins, Sandi Hughes, Mary Petzel and Coach Diane Wright. **SEC-**

OND ROW: Manager Lori Ma Lisa Carnall, Sharon Carr, La Oman, Kristi Blair and Manager C la Strong.



Carla Corle, the only Bluffton player named to NEIAC honorable mention, bumps the ball to a teammate.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM. FRONT ROW: Jené Pond, Natalie Hay, Coach Diane Wright, Jane Noe and Chanda Reeves. **SECOND ROW:** Manager Deb Barnell, Tanya Isch, Sanja Shane, Carla Corle, Monica Milholland and Manager Carla Strong. **THIRD ROW:** Manager Lori Mann, Peggy Pfister, Sue Pagin, Kim Brown, Shari Stauffer and Manager Dawn Gatke.

Shari Stauffer blocks a spike during a close match at Norwell as Sanja Shane and Tanya Isch back her up.

Zoll And Brickley Swim To State

The girls' swim team swam their way to a 7-5 season record, down from last year's best ever season record of 9-3, but erased seven school records and sent two girls to the state meet: senior Candy Zoll and junior Kelly Brickley.

Zoll led the assault on the records by breaking the 200 meter I.M. and 100 meter butterfly records. Zoll also

Senior Candy Zoll shows her form at sectional in the 100 meter butterfly, the event that has taken her to the state meet for the last three years.



swam a leg on the record breaking 400 meter free relay team along with Mary McArdle, Lori Umphrey and Brickley. Senior Beth Lohmuller broke the diving record while Tina Rhoades now holds the school record in the 400 meter freestyle. Brickley finished the assault on the records by lowering her own record in the 100 meter backstroke.

The team hosted the Invitational Relays midway through the year, coming up with some fine performances to place second behind Bellmont. At sectional, Zoll defended her 100 meter butterfly crown and advanced to state for the third year in a row, finishing 24th out of 36. She also finished second in the 200 meter I.M. at sectional and 35th out of 36 at state. Brickley placed second in the

100 meter backstroke and third in the 50 meter freestyle at sectional. She then placed 31st of 34 at state in the backstroke.

Other placings at sectional competition were McArdle 10th in 100 meter butterfly, Julie Seese, 11th in 200 meter I.M. and 8th in 100 meter backstroke; the 200 meter medley relay team of Zoll, Brickley, Seese and Deane Hall placing third; Hall 12th in 100 meter breaststroke, Lohmuller, 10th in diving, Umphrey, 11th in 200 meter freestyle and 9th in 400 meter freestyle; Rhoades, 12th in 400 meter freestyle and the 400 meter freestyle team consisting of Michelle DeWitt, McArdle, Rhoades and Umphrey placed 8th.

— Steve Hoff

SWIMMING Season Record: 7-5

	We	They
Hunt. North	57	67
South Adams	65	59
Norwell	80	43
Bellmont	58	62
Invitational Relays	2nd out of	6
Delta	63	64
Blackford	81	44
Hunt. North	62	65
East Noble	86	40
Norwell	85	42
South Adams	65	62
Jay County	72	54
Bellmont	52	75

Sectional
at South Adams 6th out of 10

Michelle DeWitt sets herself for the start of the 50 meter freestyle.



termination can be seen on the
 e of Beth Lohmuller as she con-
 ntrates on her next dive during a
 me meet.



GIRLS' SWIM TEAM. FRONT ROW: Sandra Oliver, Deanea Hall, Jo Perry, Tina Poorman, Michelle DeWitt, Jill Harshman and Lori Umphrey. **SECOND ROW:** Manager Marybeth Parsons, Mary McArdle, Julie Seese, Andrea Mock, Barbara Gilbert, Susan Carr and Manager Dianna Flowers. **BACK ROW:** Beth Lohmuller, Tina Rhoades, Jayne Sands, Coach Peter Schmeckebier, Candy Zoll, Kelly Brickley and Rhonda Foster.



State qualifier Kelly Brickley starts her leg of the 200 meter medley relay at the Invitational Relays.

Stroup Adds Spark To Tigers

Coach Jon Stroup, in his first year at BHS, improved the Tiger basketball image and ended the season with a 6-14 record.

Senior Kyle Wietholter, who was named to the NEIAC first team, led the team with totals of 417 points, 202 rebounds and 29 steals. Senior Dave Irwin followed with 153 points, 79 rebounds, 25 steals and 26 assists.

In county action, the Tigers lost a heartbreaker to Norwell by a score of 52-49. Early in December, the Tigers beat Southern Wells by a

score of 62-55. Later in the season, the Raiders hosted the Tigers in the Tiger Den due to the damaged Raider-dome. This time the Raiders handed Bluffton a defeat by a score of 61-55. In sectional action, the Tigers faced the Raiders for the third time in the season, but Bluffton lost another hard fought battle by a 53-45 margin.

— Jane Noe

Senior Dave Irwin comes away with the ball in a tough contest against rival Norwell at the castle. The Tigers came up short, losing 52-49.



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL Season Record: 6-14

	We	They
Southside	55	70
Blackford	66	65
East Noble	55	82
Southern Wells	62	55
Bellmont	76	67
Jay County	40	48
Whitko	55	93
New Haven	56	72
South Adams	71	80
Norwell	49	52
New Haven (NEIAC)	57	82
DeKalb	58	78
Bishop Luers	70	67
Southern Wells	55	61
Angola	60	69
Adams Central	58	57
Homestead	46	57
Columbia City	56	65
Heritage	80	73
Sectional		
Southern Wells	45	53



All-NEIAC player Kyle Wietholter puts up two points while Kevin Gerber, Dave Irwin and Kevin Walburn do their job under the basket.

Sophomore Jon Krebs sticks close to Southern Wells' leading scorer, Pat Hamilton, during varsity action.





Tiger fans welcome Mike Clifton onto the floor for the final game of the season, an 80-73 victory over Heritage.

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. **FRONT ROW:** Mgr. Mark Roberts, Kevin Gerber, Dave Irwin and Jon Krebs. **BACK ROW:** Coach Jon Stroup, Kevin Walburn, Kyle Wietholter, Rick Miller, Doug Betz and Rich Brown.



Forward Kevin Walburn steals a rebound from the Raider's Matt Cole in a game which the Tigers lost, 61-55.

Senior Kyle Wietholter attempts a shot with only seconds remaining in a hard fought battle against Norwell.

Coach Garton Nets 100th Tiger Victory

This basketball season was extra special for eleven year reserve coach Tony Garton as he reached a goal many coaches strive for. His 100th victory came on Jan. 28 when the Tiger Cubs defeated Southern Wells by a score of 55-45.

On Dec. 28 the Cubs turned the up and down season back up by capturing the title at the Bellmont Reserve Tournament. The Tigers first defeated Bellmont then knocked off South Adams for the tourney title.

Junior Mike Clifton led in scoring throughout the year and accumulated 179 total points followed by sophomore Jason Miller with 168 points. Junior Mike Blair added 141 points, and sophomore Rich Brown scored 105

points.

Coach Ken Ballinger's freshman basketball team ended the season with a 5-8 record. The team was led by Travis Shane who scored 221 points and grabbed 113 rebounds. Shane moved up to play on the reserve squad at the end of the season. This was the first time a freshman has played on the reserve team in more than eleven years.

In other freshman statistics, Mike Murray added 123 points and 78 boards. Steve Betz scored 119 points and led the team with 32 steals and 37 assists. Kurt Sundling added 79 rebounds and 29 assists.

— Jane Noe

Junior Mike Clifton and sophomore Scott Longenberger press Heritage in the final seconds of the game.

Freshmen Travis Shane and Mike Murray fight for defensive positions on the rebound against Blackford.



RESERVE TEAM: **FRONT ROW:** Barry Willits, Mike Clifton, Jason Miller, Mark Beals and Scott Longenberger. **BACK ROW:** Dave Harriett, Ben Gerber, Brian Isch, Brian Falk, Jeff Thompson, Mike Blair, Kent Hook and coach Tony Garton.



Varsity and reserve player Rich Brown concentrates on a rebounding attempt in the last home game of the season against Heritage. The Cubs lost the final season battle on the hardwood.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM. **FRONT ROW:** Steve Betz, Todd Shalley, Rodney Pike and Matt Garrett. **BACK ROW:** Coach Ken Ballinger, Tim Kernstein, Travis Shane, Kurt Sundling, Mike Murray, Mike Howell and Kerry Gentis.



Freshman Mike Howell reaches for a rebound as Todd Shalley and Steve Betz look for a possible fast break.

RESERVE BASKETBALL
Season Record: 7-13

	We	They
Southside	44	54
Blackford	36	46
East Noble	31	45
Southern Wells	46	51
Bellmont	54	59
Jay County	26	39
New Haven	54	49
Whitko	37	43
South Adams	51	58
Norwell	40	55
DeKalb	46	60
Bishop Luers	51	60
Southern Wells	55	45
Angola	20	27
Adams Central	38	32
Homestead	45	40
Columbia City	57	55
Heritage	43	56
Bellmont Tourney		
Bellmont	56	52
South Adams	42	30

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Season Record: 5-8

	We	They
Marion Bennett	61	33
Jay County	24	30
Southern Wells	37	42
Adams Central	45	39
Hunt, Catholic	50	30
Columbia City	52	59
Bellmont	24	60
Adams Central	31	35
South Adams	62	65
Eastbrook	45	38
Norwell	37	43
Blackford	44	38
Hunt, North	44	50

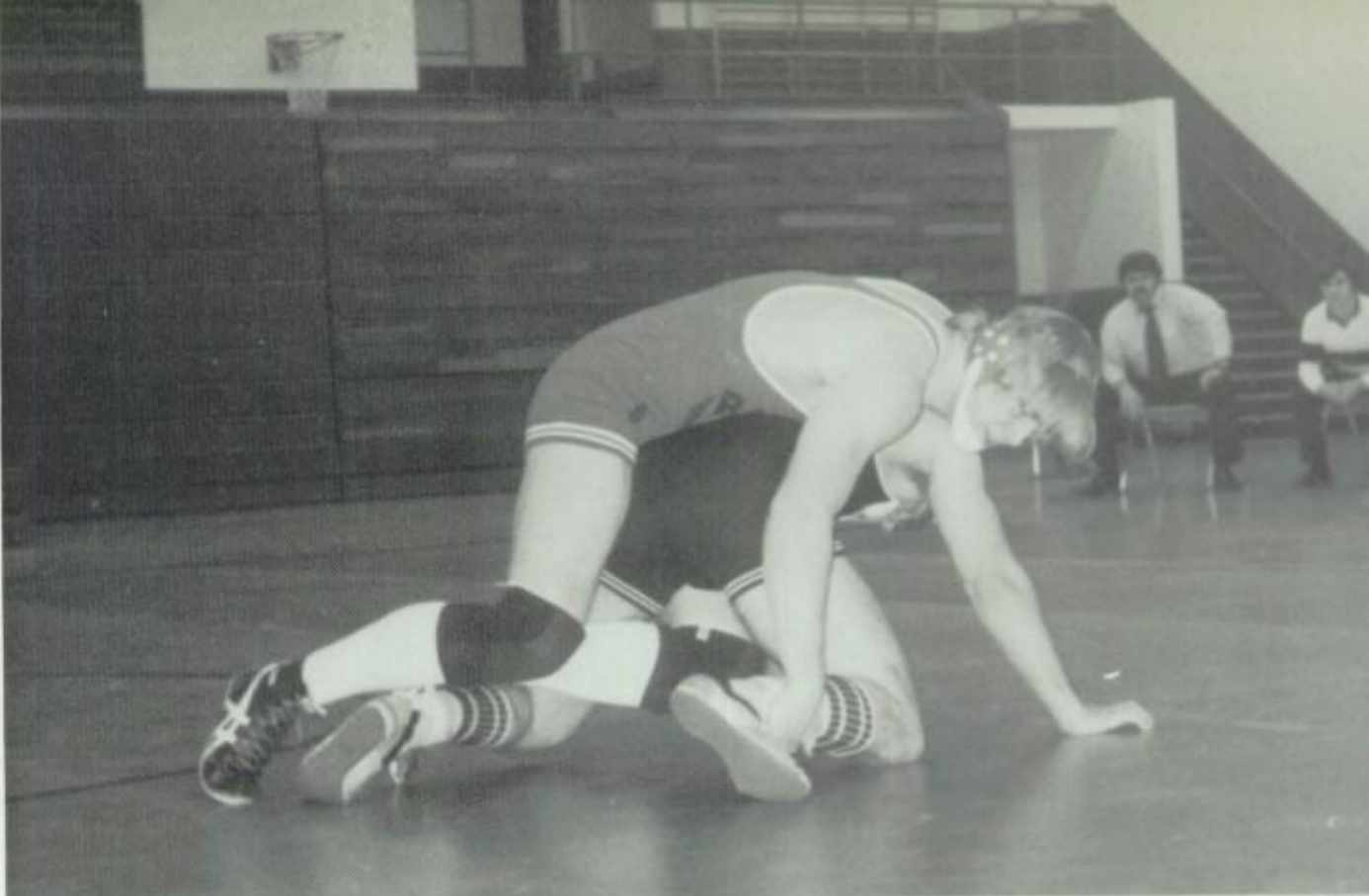
Senior Jerry Sprankles, a three-year wrestler, rides his Eastbrook opponent on his way to a 21-1 victory.

VARSITY WRESTLING
Season Record: 6-8

	We	They
Garrett	27	40
Concordia	17	53
Bishop Luers	48	30
Churubusco	23	54
Woodlan	21	54
East Noble	16	54
Heritage	46	26
DeKalb	27	39
Columbia City	21	44
Norwell	36	31
Adams Central	12	55
Eastbrook	52	12
South Adams	53	18
Blackford	37	24

Sectional

at Adams Central 3rd out of 5



The referee counts out back points in the 167 lb. match where Senior Steve Hoffer gains one of his 18 victories.

Grapplers Send Two To Regional

The Tiger matmen finished the season with six wins and eight losses in dual match competition to once again lead the winter sports teams. Under Coach Ron Gremaux, the team was led by returning varsity wrestlers Greg Baumgartner, Curt Newman, Randy Newman, Steve Hoffer and Tim Engle.

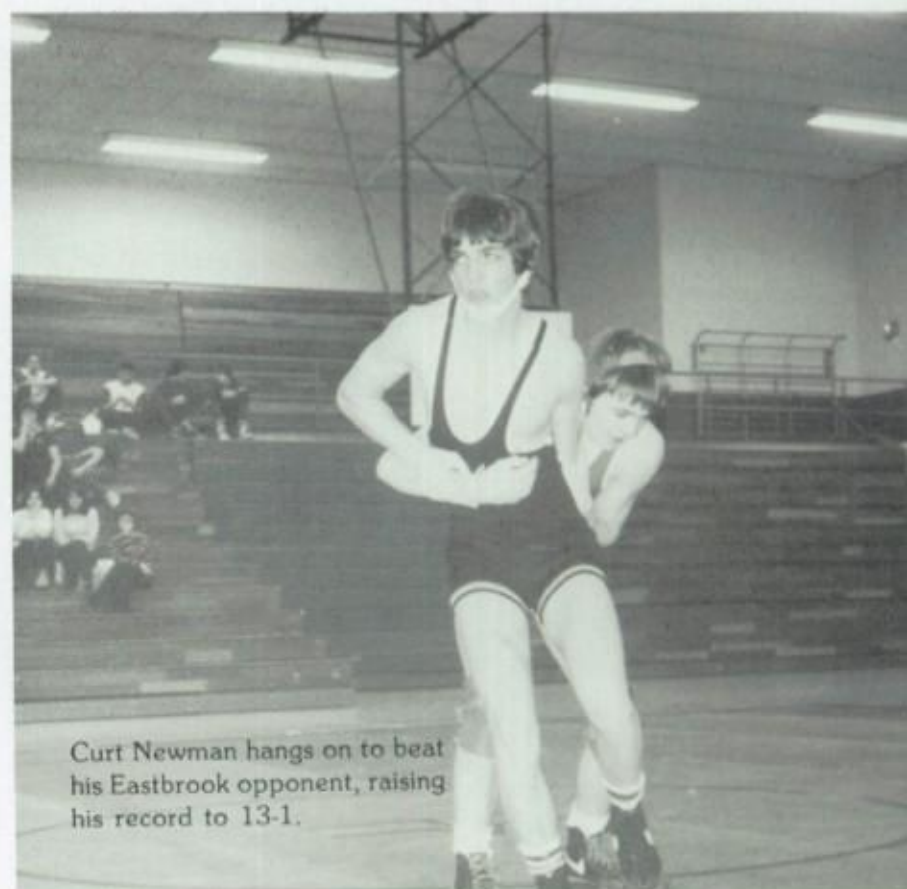
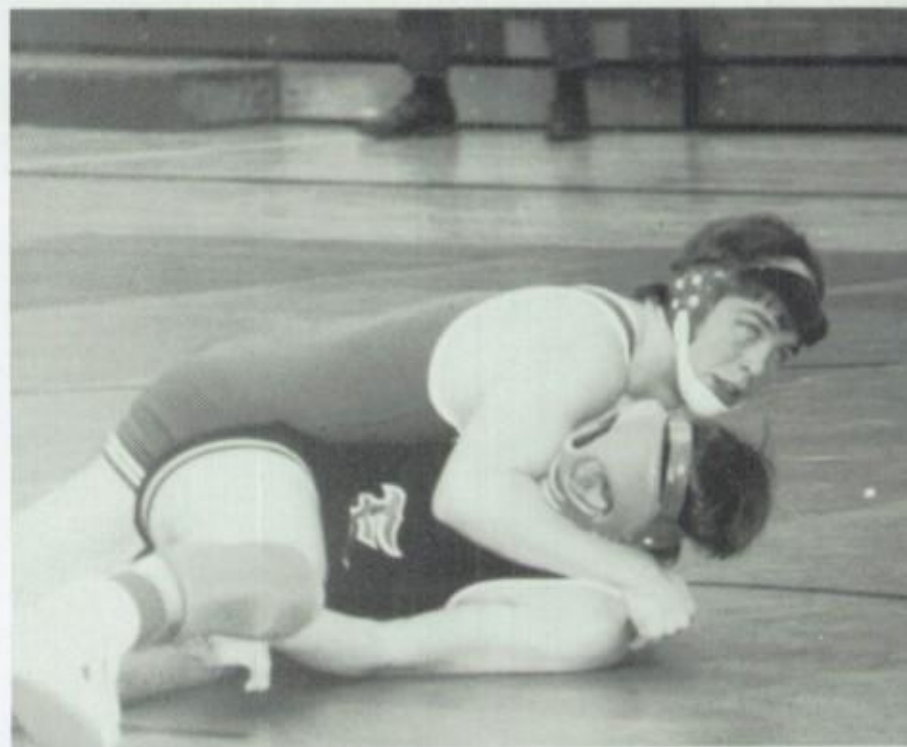
The grapplers competed in several tourneys throughout the year. Curt Newman, wrestling in the 119 lb. class, placed third at the East Central Indiana Classic (ECIC), first at the Woodlan Invitational and first at the NEIAC tournament. Hoffer, competing in the 167 lb. class, placed third at the ECIC, second at the Woodlan Invitational and first at the NEIAC tourney. Hoffer's and Newman's championships at the NEIAC tourney were the first ever in BHS wrestling history. Randy

Newman contributed a second place at the Woodlan Invitational while John Phillaum added a third.

When sectional time rolled around, Curt Newman and Baumgartner each took runner-up honors to advance to the Fort Wayne Regional, where both wrestlers were defeated in first round competition.

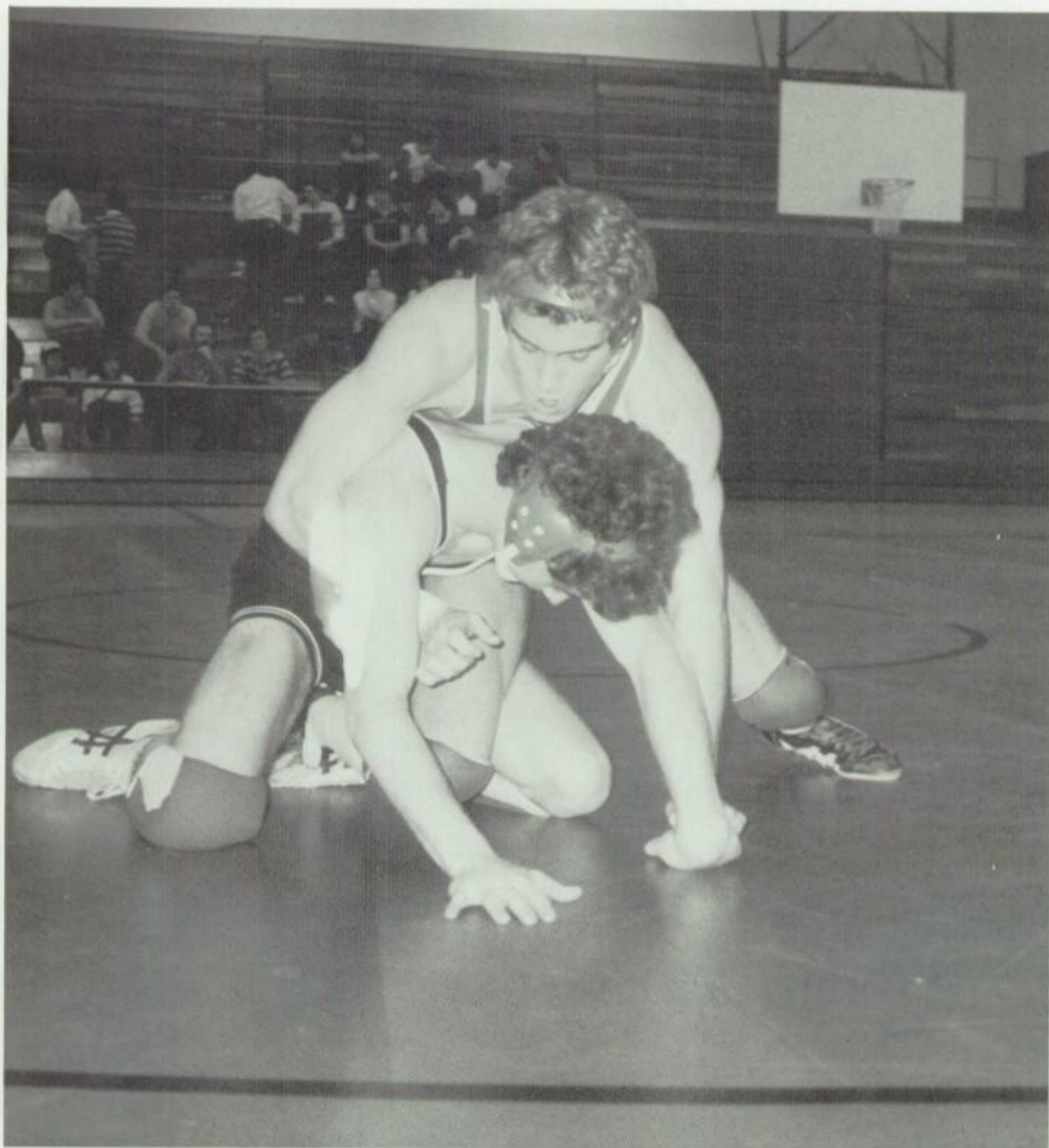
Records broken during the season included: most takedowns in a season, 39, Hoffer; most nearfalls in a season, 34, Jerry Sprankles; career takedowns, 74, Hoffer and most escapes in a career, 29, Hoffer. Four grapplers emerged with winning records, including Curt Newman and Hoffer at 18-4, Randy Newman at 16-9-1 and Sprankles at 16-13.

— Steve Hoffer



Curt Newman hangs on to beat his Eastbrook opponent, raising his record to 13-1.

ent Reinhard gets advice from
bach Gremaux during an injury
neout.



Senior Dave Surfus has a leg in as he tries to break his opponent down. Dave won the 145 lb. match by a 7-5 decision.



WRESTLING TEAM. FRONT ROW: Dave Carnall, Tim Engle, Greg Baumgartner, Lenny Braner, Steve Hoffer, Dave Surfus, Jerry Sprankles, John Phillabaum, Randy Newman, Doug Swisher, Jim Walburn, and Larry Mock. **SECOND ROW:** Curt Newman, Don Caudill, Troy Chaffee, Tony Wright, Randy Robison, Mark Mettler, Greg Pietz, Mark Bowles, Tom Steffen and Manager Greg Hacha. **BACK ROW:** Coach Ron Gremaux, Eric Satterfield, Fred Ilnicki, Chris Honegger, Mike Snider, Bret Cole, Ralph Osborn, Bob Heckman, John Bayes and Assistant Coach Jerry Beckiger.



Tankers Break Personal Records

The Bluffton Tiger boys' swim team swam and dove to an 0-13 record. The Tiger Tankers ended the season with a winless record, but the morale and spirit of the team members remained high.

Bill Record, team captain and number one breaststroker, finished the season holding the 100 breaststroke record with a time of 1:09.58. Throughout the regular season, Bill took 11 first places out of the 13 total meets and received the year's most valuable swimmer award. Sophomore John Emshwiller, the swimmers' number one backstroker, also completed a successful year as he broke the old 100 backstroke record of 1:16.42 with

his modification being a meter time of 1:14.56.

The Tankers had only three qualifiers in the sectional at South Adams: Brad Pike in the diving competition, Record in the 100 breaststroke and Dave Butler in the 50 freestyle.

Coach Peter Schmekebier commented, "We had a small team of only ten dedicated swimmers. With this number, it is practically impossible to beat anyone but yourself and to go for your own personal records."

— Brad Pike

In his first varsity swim meet, freshman Charles Grady takes third in the 100 meter freestyle.

Eyeing the school record, captain Bill Record shifts into the high gear in the 100 meter breaststroke to secure a position in the BHS record books.

Managers Lori Umphrey and Sandra Oliver record times and places as the Tigers complete their final swim meet.





Freshman Jim Boggs rolls for a deep breath while swimming his specialty stroke, the 400 freestyle.

BOYS' SWIMMING
Season Record: 0-13

	We	They
Jay County	41	85
Muncie Southside	52	78
South Adams	53	87
East Noble	53	65
Blackford	62	65
Norwell	56	68
Bellmont	40	86
South Adams	48	72
Blackford	62	63
Norwell	58	68
East Noble	56	69
Delta	43	83
Huntington North	47	88
Sectional		
at South Adams		8th/9



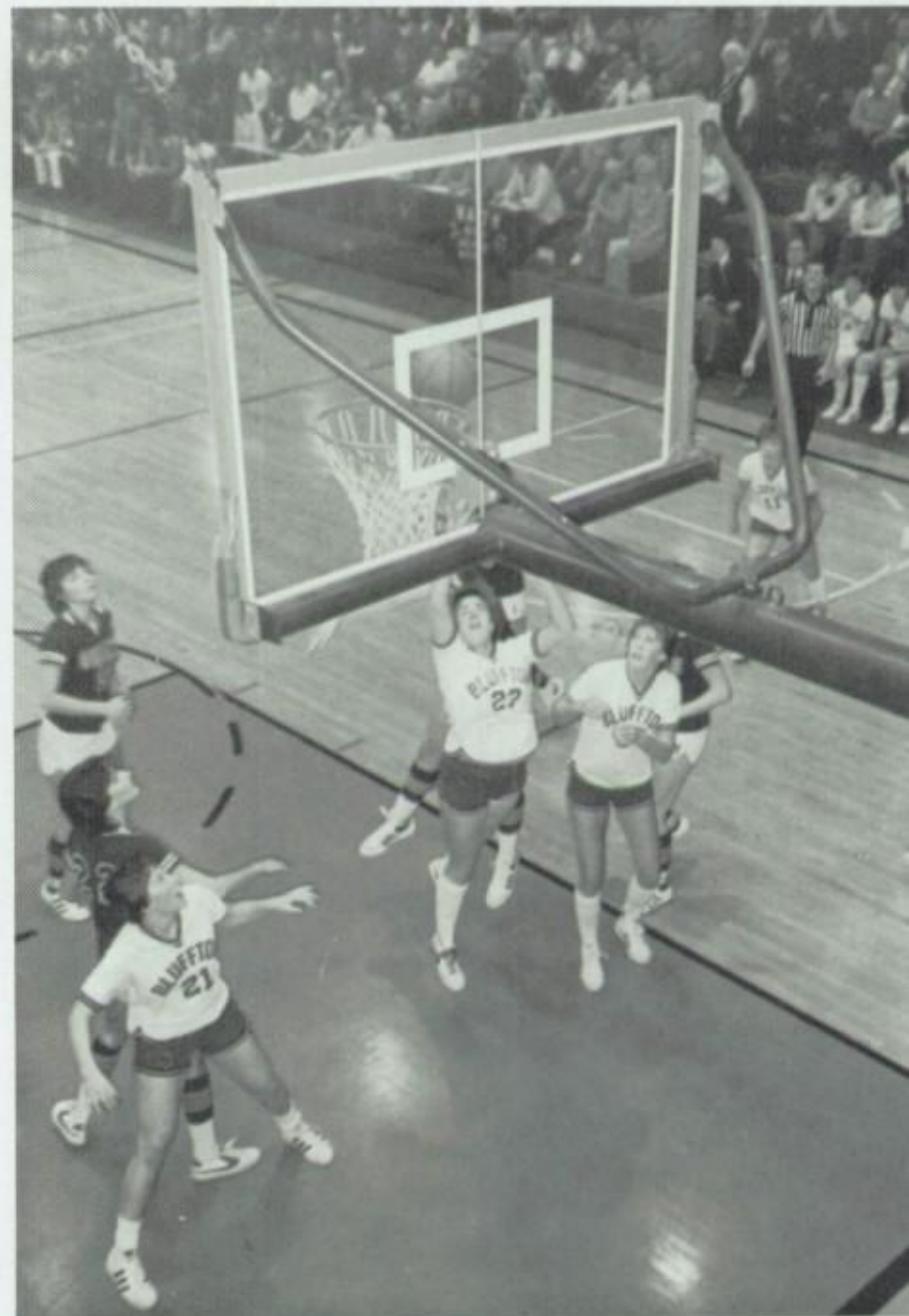
BOYS' SWIM TEAM. FRONT ROW: Mgr. Sandra Oliver, Bill Record, Dave Butler, Mgr. Lori Umphrey and Coach Peter Schmekebier. **BACK ROW:** Jim Boggs, John Emshwiller, Jeff Smith, Charles Grady, Kurt Byanski and Dave McArdle. Not pictured: Brad Pike and Andy Hazelton.

Sophomore John Emshwiller takes position as the starter fires the gun. John broke his personal backstroke record in two consecutive meets.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. FRONT ROW: Mgr. Carla Strong, Chanda Reeves, Lacey Knowles, Leah Huvendick, Kris Hinesley and Mgr. Sandi Hughes. **BACK ROW:** Lori Mann, Shari Stauffer, Carla Corle, Sanja Shane, Tanya Isch, and Monica Milholland.



Beth Meyer, who saw action at both levels, gets a taste of varsity action during a game with De Kalb.



Holding the position as top scorer, sophomore Kris Hinesley does her best to let the opponent know she means business defensively also.

Captain Shari Stauffer shoots for two at sectional as Chanda Reeves and Leah Huvendick block out the Squaws for a possible rebound.

Despite heavy pressure from her Columbia City opponent, Jane Noe scores two on a fastbreak.



GIRLS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. Coach Susan Poulson, Mgr. Tami Frauhiger, Karen Skurner, Karlene Eymmer, Tonia Hammock, Tammy Perry, Brenda Cochran, Wendy Clark, Sharon Carr, Cindy Szott, Jane Noe, Beth Meyer, Mgr. Shawna Brinson and Mgr. Chris McFarren.



In the championship game of sectional play against Belmont, Coach DeWitt takes a time-out to change strategy.

Lady Tigers Make History

The Lady Tigers, under coach Ron DeWitt, began the season with high expectations by winning their first two games handily before running into a mid-season slump in which they lost ten of eleven games. As the season drew to a close, the team caught fire and won five of their last seven games enroute to the sectional finals, a first in BHS history, where they lost to state-ranked Belmont.

The Tigers rewrote the recordbooks during their finest season ever. Records broken include: total season points, 972; offensive average, 48.6; total season rebounds, 714; total season steals, 226; steal average,

11.3; field goal percentage, .322; freethrow percentage, .551 and total season victories, 8. Coach DeWitt commented, "Eight wins are gratifying, but next year our record should be even better."

Underclassmen played a major role in the team's success and leading the way in scoring was sophomore Kris Hinesley with 260 points while freshman Chanda Reeves added 188. Pulling down the rebounds were senior Shari Stauffer with 130 and sophomore Lori Mann with 114. Reeves and Hinesley swiped the ball 57 and 36 times, respectively.

Stauffer was named team captain by her teammates

while Reeves was voted most valuable player and Lacey Knowles was selected most improved. Area sportswriters named Reeves and Hinesley to the all-sectional team, with Hinesley also receiving NEIAC second team honors and all-area honorable mention.

Coach Susan Poulson and the Tiger Cubs posted a 2-12 record while gaining experience. Sophomore Jane Noe led the way with 77 points, 37 steals and 53 rebounds. Beth Meyer contributed 66 points and 36 steals and Tammy Perry added 81 boards.

— Jane Noe
Steve Hoffer

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL Season Record: 8-12

	We	They
Mississinewa	56	35
Adams Central	54	50
Norwell	59	63
Homestead	41	52
Huntington North	45	51
Southwood	50	63
Huntington Catholic	64	29
New Haven	48	58
Southern Wells	42	54
DeKalb	34	59
Bellmont	38	58
NEIAC (New Haven)	36	42
South Adams	44	56
Jay County	55	45
East Noble	49	44
Columbia City	58	74
Angola	53	45
Sectional		
South Adams	62	41
Southern Wells	50	46
Bellmont	34	79

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL Season Record: 2-12

	We	They
Mississinewa	36	24
Adams Central	27	28
Norwell	14	32
Homestead	21	28
Huntington North	15	18
Southwood	20	16
Southern Wells	31	36
DeKalb	21	38
Bellmont	7	51
East Noble	14	36
Jay County	14	32
South Adams	26	27
Columbia City	14	37
Angola	22	26

Freshman Michelle DeWitt balances on the uneven bars as she plans her next stunt. Michelle was voted the "most valuable performer" on the team.

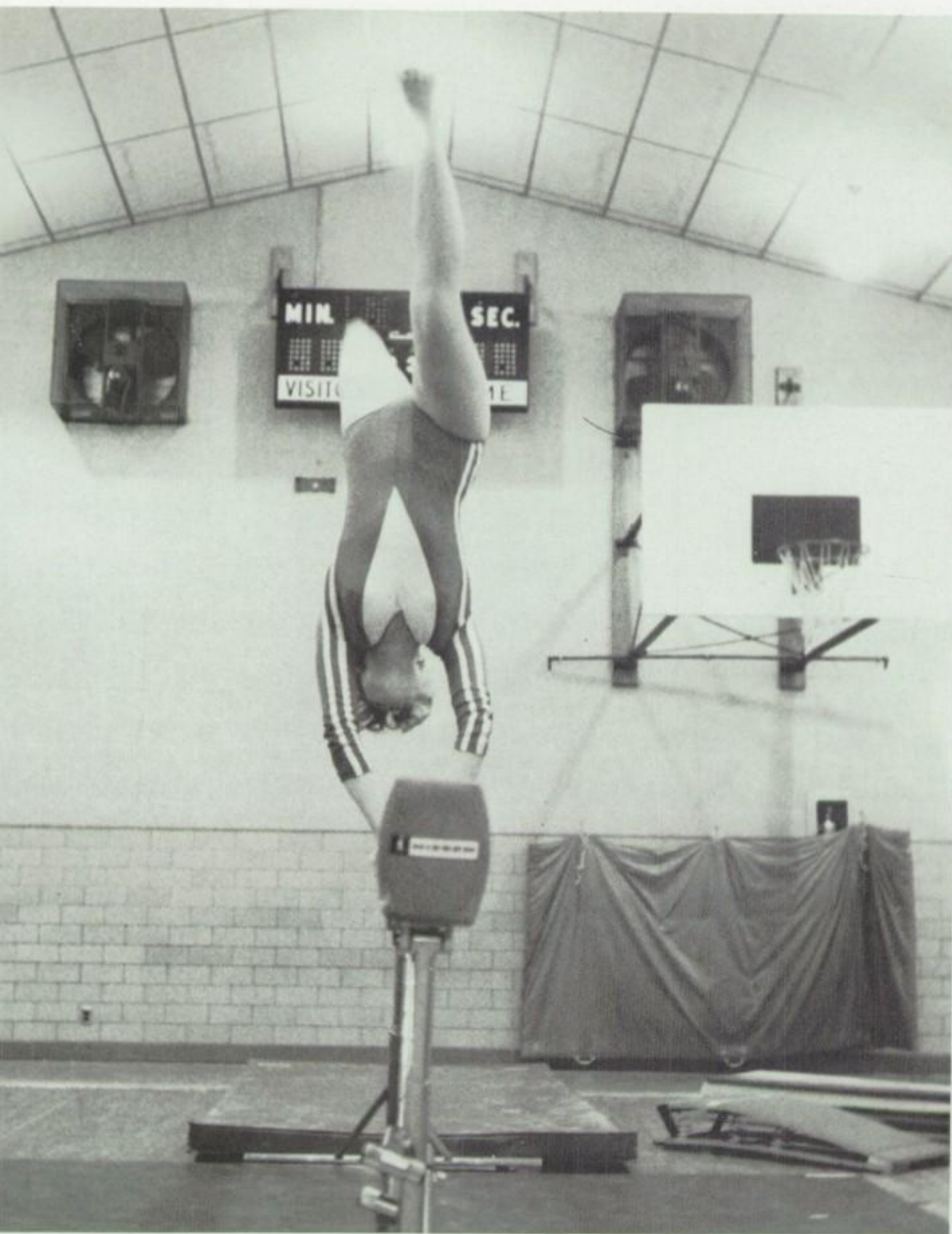
Penny Croy, the only senior gymnast, maneuvers gracefully before a leap during her balance beam routine.



All-around performer Jo Perry steadies herself as she completes the splits during her beam performance.

GYMNASTICS TEAM. FRONT ROW: Barbara Gilbert, Tina Bowen, Ashley Flowers, Shari Speheger, Michelle DeWitt, Susan Carr, Tonya Dickason, Kim Holmes, Jo Perry and Tina Poorman. **BACK ROW:** Mgr. Jolene VanOver, Mgr. Beth Lindsay, Becky Masterson, Daphne Steury, Cheryl Surfus, Regan Kreigh, Penny Croy, Kim Geyer, Mgr. Debbie Stanley, Mgr. Dawn Greenlee, and Coach Teenie Nichols.





Freshman Tina Poorman attempts a back walkover during her balance beam routine at a home meet.

GYMNASTICS Season Record: 2-7

	We	They
Norwell	115.45	180.35
New Haven	120.05	163.50
Southern Wells	72.60	96.70
Manchester	94.35	88.70
South Adams	114.70	123.00
Woodlan	137.25	124.30
Elmhurst	131.85	183.70
Blackford	130.90	167.30
NEIAC	6th out of 7	
Bishop Dwenger	138.70	172.40
Sectional at Wayne	7th out of 9	

Barbara Gilbert readies herself for the ending in her floor exercise routine during the team's loss to Bishop Dwenger in the last meet.



Young Gymnasts Gain Experience

Switching from a Norwell gymnast to Bluffton's gymnastics coach was the task of first year coach Teenie Nichols as she assumed the leadership role for the young team. Combine only one senior with just one other returning letterwinner, then add 10 freshmen and you have the makings of a young team facing inexperience as their biggest opponent.

Competing mainly with bigger schools, the squad posted a 3-6 season record on the optional level, improving on last year's season slate of 1-10. The intermediate squad finished with a 1-8 mark. At the NEIAC tournament, the girls finished sixth out of seven schools. While competing at sectional, they finished in seventh place with nine schools competing. Unfortunately,

no Tiger gymnast advanced to regionals.

Majoring gymnasts were Tina Bowen, Penny Croy, Michelle DeWitt, Tonya Dickason, Kim Geyer, Barbara Gilbert, Becky Masterson, Tina Poorman, Daphne Steury and Jo Perry. Managers that lettered were Beth Lindsay, Debbie Stanley and Dawn Greenlee.

All records stayed intact

during the season but much experience was gained. Penny Croy, the only senior gymnast, ended her season at sectional. When looking back on her career, she said, "I had a lot of fun. It's going to seem weird when I go to watch and I don't compete. I've made a lot of friends in the years."

— Steve Hoffer

VARSITY BASEBALL
Season Record: 7-19

	We	They
Snider	5	8
Bishop Luers	7	17
New Haven	3	10
Huntington North (DH)	2/7	12/16
Angola	2	12
Marion Bennett	14	12
East Noble	4	14
Homestead	7	10
Heritage (DH)	14/12	4/2
Blackford	9	7
South Adams	5	1
Norwell	6	7
Eastbrook	6	10
Bellmont (DH)	3/11	13/18
DeKalb	4	11
Columbia City	7	9
Southern Wells	14	1
Norwell (DH)	4/2	14/7
Jay County	5	9
Woodlan	6	8
Adams Central	11	0
Sectional		
Jay County	4	9

RESERVE BASEBALL
Season Record: 1-4

	We	They
Adams Central	10	11
Norwell	5	6
Bellmont (DH)	0/4	17/5
Southern Wells	4	1

RESERVE BASEBALL TEAM.
FRONT ROW: Greg Hacha, Rex Morgan, Mike Sawyer, Kenny Williams, J.R. Jones, Jeff Frauhiger and Mak Knowles. **BACK ROW:** Scott Stanley, Matt Garrett, Donald Betz, Mike Murray, Bret Cole, Jon Krebs, Dave Harriett, and Coach Jerry Flueckiger.

Veteran pitcher Mike Deam and teammates cheer on the Tiger batsmen against South Adams. Deam went on to collect the first BHS no-hitter in twenty years.



Deam Hurls First Recorded No-Hitter

After a wet and cold spring, the Tiger diamondmen finished their season at 7-19. The reserve team ended the season with a 1-4 record.

Leading pitcher on the varsity squad, Mike Deam, was the first player to pitch a no-hitter in over twenty years. Because of missing records, there was some question that Bluffton had ever had a no-hitter.

Coach Ken Ballinger stated, "We did have a strong hitting group. Seven of our players finished the season with a .300 or better batting average." Kevin Gerber led

the group with a .415 batting average. The other six players over .300 were Mike Deam, Dave Surfus, Steve Hoffer, John Phillabaum, Scott Longenberger and Mike Blair.

The foul weather left the reserve squad out in the rain with a short season. Coach Jerry Flueckiger stated, "We went weeks at a time with no games, then we would have three games in one week. Our reserve pitching force, with a school our size, couldn't handle that."

— Brad Pike



A three year varsity starter, senior Dave Surfus takes his third base position in anticipation of a possible double play in a game against Norwell.

Senior pitcher-catcher Steve Hoffer proves to be a valuable asset to the team as he chose baseball over track in his final year.



Sophomore Jon Krebs warms up before pitching a reserve game against the county rival Norwell Knights.

VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM.
FRONT ROW: Peter Hazelton, Joe Huss, John Phillabaum, Dave Surfus, Mike Deam, Steve Hoffer and Kevin Gerber. **SECOND ROW:** as't. coach Jerry Flueckiger, Jim Royal, Kevin Walburn, Brian Isch, Scott Longenberger, Mike Blair and coach Ken Ballinger. **BACK ROW:** Lonnie Squier, Greg Hacha, Rex Morgan, Jon Krebs, Mark Mettler, Dave Harriett, Mike Sawyer and Manager Ralph Osborn.



Senior Bill Record leans to a 200 meter victory over Southern Wells' Carey King while freshman Greg Pietz adds a third place finish.

**BOYS' TRACK
Season Record: 16-15**

	We	They
Bellmont	40	61
Norwell	13	105
Heritage	69.5	56.5
Southern Wells	76	51
Adams Central	55	63
New Haven	51	76
Muncie Relays	4/8	
Blackford Inv.	3/8	
South Adams	77.5	16
Adams Central		62.5
East Noble	57	70
NEIAC	6/9	
Sectional		
at Huntington North	10/17	



Record, Falk And Hiester Dominate Tiger Scorebooks

The Tiger runners, under the direction of coach Dan Smith and assistants Dan York and Doug Sundling, posted a 16-15 record.

Leading the Tigers were Senior Bill Record scoring 105 points, junior Brian Falk with 82 $\frac{3}{4}$ points and sophomore Jim Hiester totaled 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Record broke records in the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 11.1 and 22.16. Falk led the team

in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 16.2; and in the low hurdles, 40.72 was his best. He also scored points in the 400 meter run and the high jump. Hiester scored points in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs with respective best times of 4:35 and 9:44.0.

The Tigers sent eight cindermen to the sectional. Sectional qualifiers were Record, Hiester, Falk, Travis Shane, Greg Pietz, Fred Ilnicki, Tim

Kernstein, and Randy Newman. The 400 meter relay team made up of Record, Ilnicki, Pietz and Kernstein, placed sixth at sectional. Record and Hiester took fourth places in the 100 and 3200 meter runs to advance to regional, where both runners were eliminated from further competition.

— Jane Noe





Hurdle specialists Brian Falk and Travis Shane battle it out for a blue ribbon in the 110 meter highs.

A special effects photo captures brothers Curt and Randy Newman in a successful hand-off in the 1600 relay.



BOYS' TRACK TEAM. FRONT ROW: Mgr. Doug King, Tim Kernstein, Dave McArdle, Lenny Braner, Steve Betz, Jim Walburn, Les Powell, Scott Newell and Mgr. Mark Magley. **SECOND ROW:** Travis Shane, Mike Howell, Brian Curry, Doug Betz, Blake Poindexter, Doyle Brickey, Jim Hiestler, Mark Beals, Curt Newman, and Andy Hazelton. **BACK ROW:** Coach Dan York, Brian Falk, Jim Paxton, Randy Newman, Fred Ilnicki, Tim Hickey, Bill Record, Coaches Dan Smith and Doug Sundling.

Sophomore Jim Hiestler breaks the 1600 meter tape with a personal best time of 4:35.



Sophomore Curt Newman pulls himself up in an attempt at 12 feet in the pole vault competition.

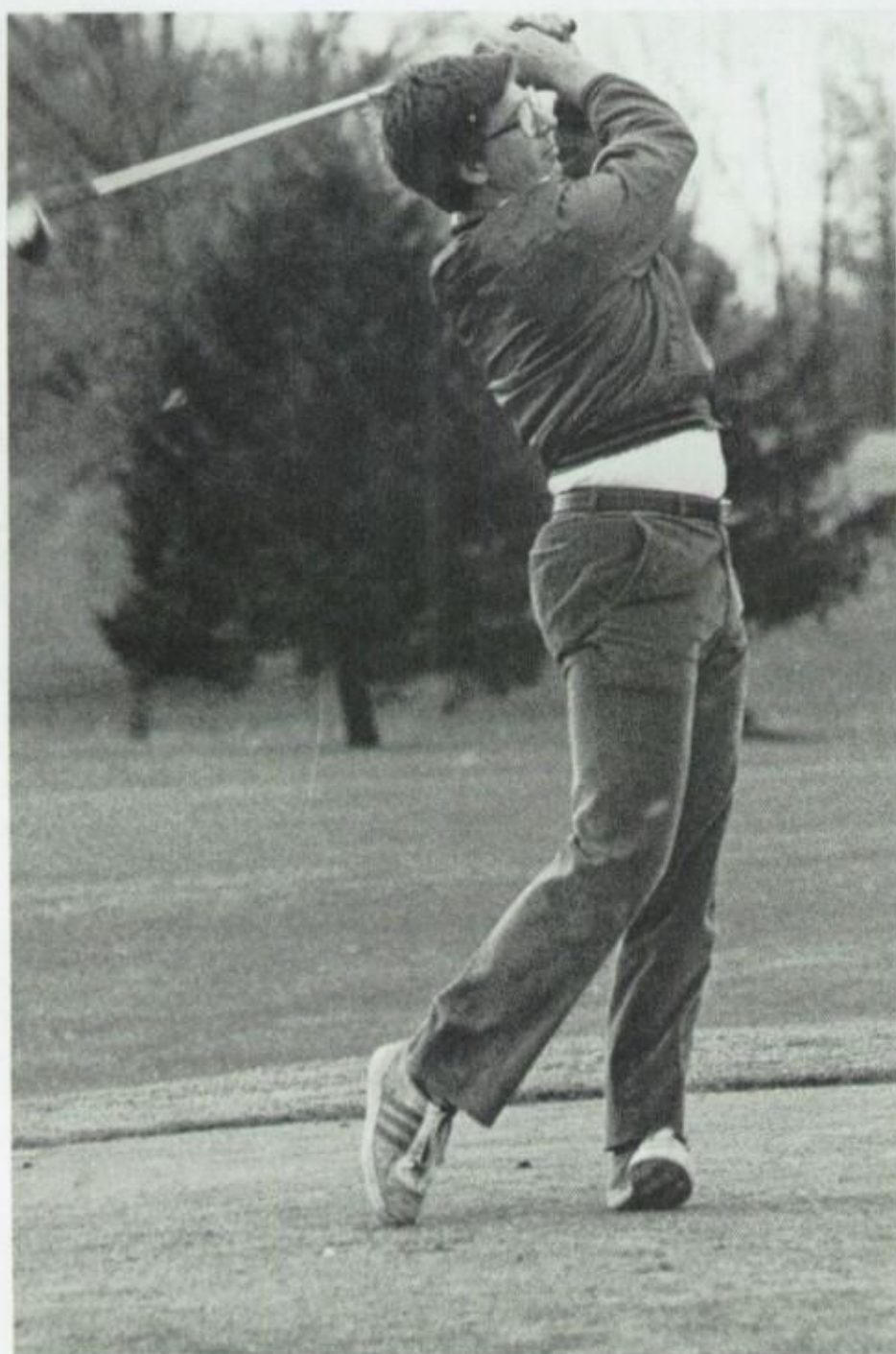
BOYS' GOLF
Season Record: 5-7

	We	They
Adams Central	172	183
Norwell	170	160
Huntington North	179	157
Blackford	193	210
Marion	193	177
Jay County	187	176
Heritage	172	160
Bellmont	172	178
Huntington Catholic	183	181
Bi-County	2nd/6	
Eastbrook	169	159
Southern Wells	160	179
NEIAC	4th/9	
South Adams	173	196
Sectional		
at Huntington	7th/16	



Junior Rodney Bucher finishes his swing while looking to find his golf ball in mid-air and on line.

Junior Danny Williams relaxes after watching his putt head for the hole at the Bi-County meet.



Senior Drake Moser tees off at the annual Bi-County meet where the Tigers placed second behind rival Norwell.



BOYS' GOLF TEAM. **FRONT ROW:** Danny Williams, John Emshwiller, [unclear], Brown, Drake Moser and Rodney Bucher. **BACK ROW:** Coach Jim Brown, Barry Willets, Gerry Riveros, Brian Huffman and Kerry Gentis.

number two golfer Leah Huvendick
 es off in the Tiger's first-ever victo-
 over Huntington North.



GIRLS' GOLF TEAM. FRONT ROW: Gina Addington, Kris Hinesley, Karen Sills, Kami Brickley, Lisa Blair and Leah Huvendick. **SECOND ROW:** Camille Brewer, coach Janet Baker and Beth Lindsay.



GIRLS' GOLF SEASON RECORD 2-8

	We	They
Northrup	228	186
Leo	237	222
East Noble	249	200
Huntington North	224	248
Logansport	224	171
Homestead	212	238
Snider	239	208
Jay County	243	189
Columbia City	240	207
Manchester	245	194
Sectional		
at Huntington	10th/12	

Golfers Break Record, Excel In Big Meets

The girls' golf team, coached by Janet Baker, started their season in late summer and finished the season at sectional by setting a BHS record.

The new sectional record of 460 strokes broke the 1977 record of 463 and placed the girls tenth. The team, which posted a 2-8 record for the season, was led by number one and two golfers, captains Lisa Blair and Leah Huvendick, the only returning letterwinners.

Major letterwinners were Blair, Huvendick, number three golfer Kris Hinesley and Karen Sills, the number four golfer. Also receiving majors were Gina Addington and Kami Brickley, who shared the fifth spot.

When spring arrived at the Parlor City Country Club, head golf coach Jim Brown led the young boys' golf team to a 5-7 season record. Lead-

ing the team were Rich Brown and John Emshwiller.

The team placed second to a highly touted Norwell squad at the annual Bi-County. Emshwiller led the Tigers with a fifth place individual showing. At the NEIAC tournament, Emshwiller once again led the Tigers by shooting an 84 for 19 holes, giving him second team All-Conference honors. The team earned fourth place by shooting a 353, only 28 strokes behind first place. At sectional, the team placed seventh out of 16 teams.

Major letterwinners were sophomores Brown and Emshwiller, juniors Rod Bucher and Danny Williams while seniors Brian Huffman and Drake Moser lettered during their last golf season.

— Steve Hoffer



Senior Lisa Blair, playing in the number one position, follows through with her putt on the fourth hole.

Accumulating the most points on the season, Chanda Reeves was the only girl to score in every meet.

GIRLS' TRACK TEAM. FIRST ROW: Manager Kim Miller, Brenda Hunnicutt, Barbara Schnerre, Andrea Miller, Sanja Shane, Tanya Isch, Carla Corle, Michelle DeWitt, Shari Speheger and Manager Karla Perkins. **SECOND ROW:** Tonya Dickason, Chanda Reeves, Jill Harshman, Patty Dillman, Karen Skurner, Marion Schnerre, Lacey Knowles, Kris Hinesley, Cheryl Surfus and Manager Wendy Clark. **BACK ROW:** Coach Susan Poulson, Regan Kreigh, Kris Morris, Sharon Carr, Karlene Eymmer, Kim Holmes, Lori Mann, Tammy Perry, Kim Brown, Julie Gilbert, Cindy Szott and assistant coach Steve Ennis.



**GIRLS' TRACK
Season Record: 2-7**

	We	They
Norwell	7	98
Southern Wells	45½	59½
Carroll	15	90
South Adams	60	45
Adams Central	43	62
Huntington North	9	96
New Haven	40	65
Huntington Catholic	75	30
East Noble	36	69
NEIAC	9th/9	

Sectional

at Huntington North 18th/18

During the Tigers' victory over Huntington Catholic, junior Kris Morris passes the baton to sophomore Regan Kreigh for the third leg of the 800 meter relay.





Young Runners Show Potential

"This was a year of rebuilding. The performances of the underclassmen show future promises in many events," stated coach Susan Poulson in regards to the girls' track team which finished the season at 2-7. Mr. Steve Ennis was the new assistant coach.

With only three seniors competing, the backbone of the 27 member track team was the underclassmen. Freshman Chanda Reeves was the only Lady Tiger to

Michelle DeWitt and Barbara Schnerre add six points to the Tiger total with first and third place finishes in the 100 meter dash in a convincing win over Huntington Catholic.

break a record as she threw the discus 100'8". She also qualified for sectional competition along with freshman Karen Skurner and two year qualifier Lacey Knowles in high jump.

In NEIAC competition, the Tigers collected only 4½ points but the 400m relay team qualified for sectional. Senior Tanya Isch also qualified in discus.

The Lady Tigers will lose captain Carla Corle, Isch and Sanja Shane through graduation but the underclassmen will return with experience in every event.

— Carla Strong



Preparing for the first leg of the 1600 meter relay, junior Kim Brown concentrates on the sound of the gun. The Lady Tigers lost 15-90 against Carroll.

Sophomore Julie Gilbert and freshman Shari Speheger stay close to the Huntington North Hurdlers, but the team fell far behind in the final meet tally, losing 96-9.

Julie Seese, who posted the best overall doubles record, uses her backhand to return a difficult shot.

GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM. FRONT ROW: Mary Petzel, Michelle Brown, Kristi Blair, Gay Poindexter, Barbara Gilbert, Anne Link and Beth Meyer. **BACK ROW:** Coach Ron DeWitt, Julie Seese, Vicki Christianson, Michelle Meyer, Lana Oman, Shari Stauffer, Lisa Blair and Heather Pitts.



Playing in the No. 2 singles slot, senior Lisa Blair concentrates on her followthrough as she returns the ball to her opponent.

Senior Shari Stauffer breathes a sigh of relief as she watches the ball land safely inside her opponents' court in a doubles match.



After moving up to the No. 3 singles spot, Beth Meyer races across the court to save the ball and point.





Netters Taste Success As Court Experience Prevails

The girls' tennis team was full of experience as five of the top seven players were returning letterwinners, displaying their skills and leadership qualities on the court to the less experienced underclassmen. The girls finished their season with a 5-9 season record and a 3-5 conference record. In sectional play against Marion, the Tigers lost a disappointing 0-5 match.

No. 1 singles player

Heather Pitts, No. 2 Lisa Blair and No. 3 Beth Meyer were an asset to the varsity as they lead the team in singles action. Leading doubles teams were No. 1 Shari Stauffer and Vicki Christianson and No. 2 Julie Seese and Michelle Meyer.

"The seniors contributed the quality play that was necessary in obtaining the five victories" stated coach Ron DeWitt. Blair finished the season with the best singles re-

cord, 8-7; and Seese posted the best doubles record, 11-6, while being paired with various partners throughout the season.

The junior varsity netters, which consisted of primarily freshmen, ended the season with a 4-6-2 record. Top singles players were junior Lana Oman and freshmen Gay Poindexter and Kristi Blair.

— Penny Croy



In the No. 1 singles contest, sophomore Heather Pitts watches the ball return to her Norwell opponent.

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS Season Record: 5-9

	We	They
Jay County	3	2
DeKalb	1	4
Adams Central	4	1
New Haven	1	4
Angola	1	4
East Noble	0	5
Bellmont	5	0
Norwell	2	3
Homestead	1	4
South Adams	4	1
Norwell	1	4
Columbia City	3	2
Huntington North	2	3
Sectional		
Marion	0	5

JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS Season Record: 4-6-2

	We	They
Jay County	4	1
DeKalb	2	3
Adams Central	4	0
New Haven	3	0
Angola	3	3
East Noble	2	3
Norwell	0	5
Homestead	1	4
South Adams	3	3
Norwell	2	3
Columbia City	3	2
Huntington North	2	3

Cheering the freshman basketball team to a 5-9 record were Tina Bowen, Barbara Gilbert, Ashley Flowers and Tina Poorman.

Mat Maids Gina Cully, Marlayne Hirzel and Patty Dillman congratulate Jerry Sprankles on his victory.

MAT MAIDS. FRONT ROW: Tina Rhoades, Lana Oman and Vicki Christianson. **BACK ROW:** Gina Cully, Patty Dillman, Jill Phillabaum, Kami Brickley and Kelly Allread.



Enthusiasm Gets The Job Done

In charge of school spirit were thirteen cheerleaders, the Tiger mascot and mat maids.

The varsity and reserve cheerleaders attended summer camp and received many spirit awards, including the spirit stick. "This was a time for the nine girls to become more acquainted," stated sponsor Mrs. Judy Emshwiller. The camp provided the girls with new spirit ideas for pep sessions and dress up days.

Another important factor in the display of school spirit was Tiger mascot Sanja Shane. She aroused the Tiger spirit at all football and bas-

ketball games. Sanja and the cheerleaders were responsible for making signs and run-throughs for the players.

With the new freshman class came four freshman cheerleaders. They made signs and attended all games. They also participated in a few cheers at the varsity games.

Geared specifically towards wrestling, the mat maids attended meets and cheered on the mat men. Each mat maid handed out ribbons and psyched up the team by making signs and informing people of the meets.

— Carla Strong



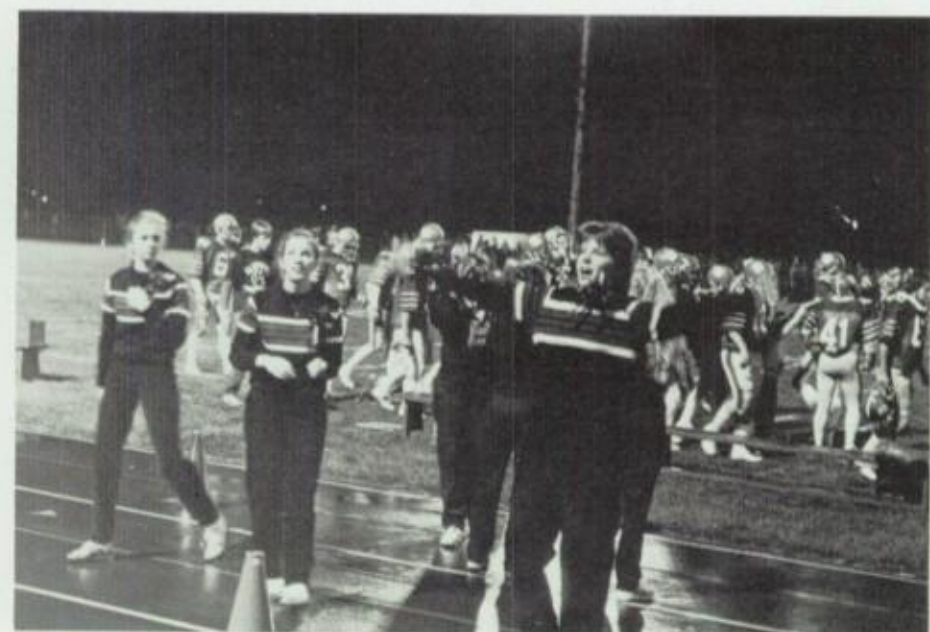


Angie Renner, Heather Jackson and Daphne Steury cheer the gridgers to the first touchdown in the playoff game.

Senior Sanja Shane provides much school spirit throughout the entire football and basketball seasons as the Tiger mascot.



CHEERLEADING SQUAD. FRONT ROW: Sanja Shane. **SECOND ROW:** Regan Kreigh, Sponsor Judy Emshwiller and Daphne Steury. **THIRD ROW:** Tina Poorman, Barbara Gilbert, Thea Barnes, Angie George, Tina Bowen and Ashley Flowers. **BACK ROW:** Heather Jackson, Cheryl Schorey, Andrea Miller, Shelly Meyer and Angie Renner.



During a rainy playoff game, mascot Sanja Shane and cheerleaders Shelly Meyer and Thea Barnes are forced to face defeat for the first time in the season.

The only cheerleader representing the Senior Class, Angie George, demonstrates her enthusiasm and hopes that it will catch on in the stands.

Sophomore Brian Curry entertains the team with an Isiah Thomas impression.

INTRAMURAL CAPTAINS.
FRONT ROW: Ron Whitesel, Keith Wheeler and Mike Parsons. **BACK ROW:** Kevin Taylor and Tom Pastore.



Baumgartner Leads Scoring

Wheeler's Team Goes Undeclared

Mr. George Moore and Mr. Stan Gilbert served as coordinators for the intramural basketball program in which 48 students and teachers participated.

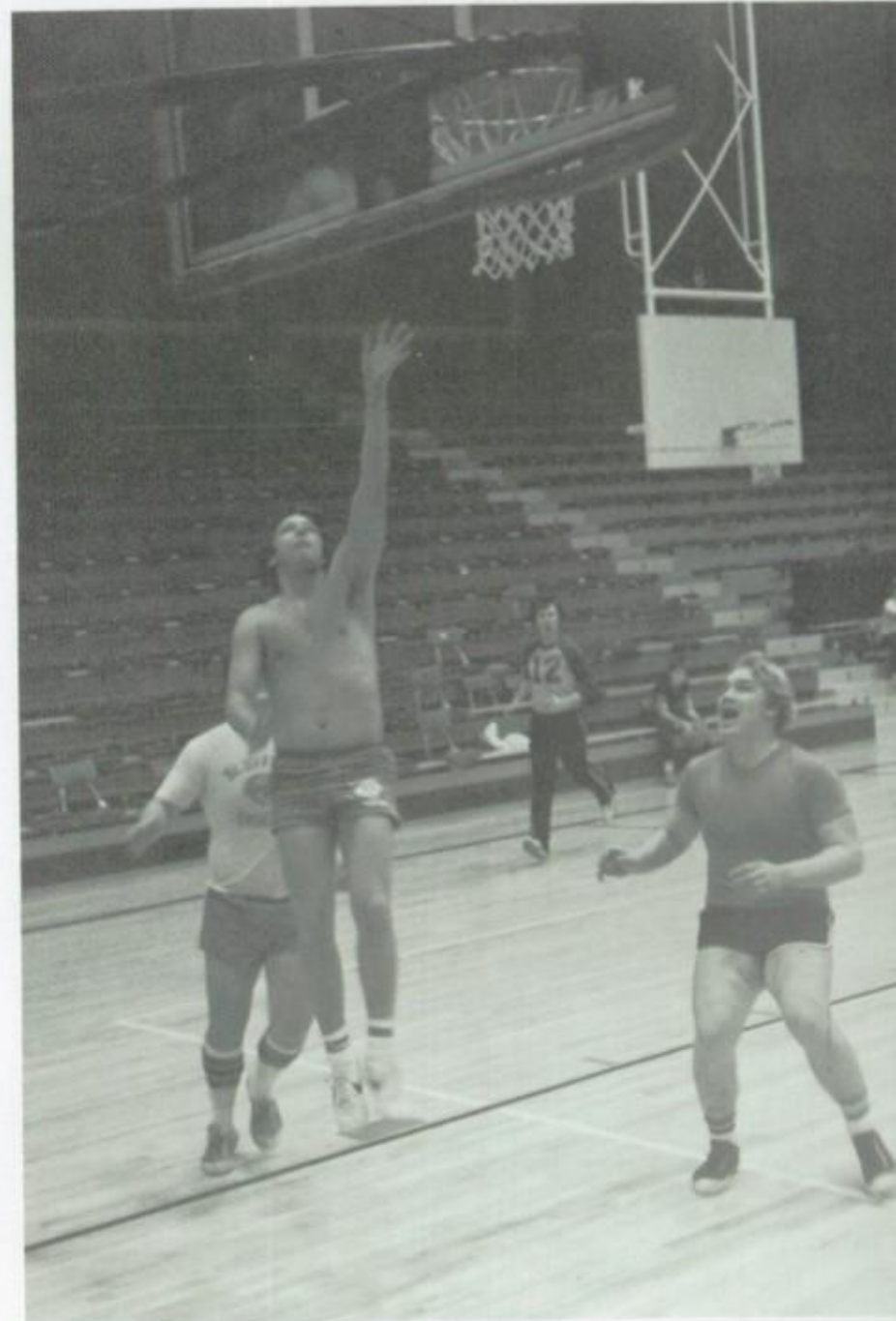
As the season drew to a close, Keith Wheeler's team led the competition with a perfect 9-0 season record, followed closely by the teachers' team at 7-2. Mike Parsons' and Tom Pastore's teams each posted a 4-5 re-

cord while Ron Whitesel's team finished at 3-6 and Kevin Taylor's team closed the season at 0-9.

Leading the way in scoring was senior Phil Baumgartner with 171 points. Dick Brickley finished with 150 points, Rod Bucher added 141 and Keith Wheeler contributed 135 points.

— Jane Noe

Phil Baumgartner scores two on a fastbreak while Ron Whitesel and Duane Adams wait for a possible rebound.



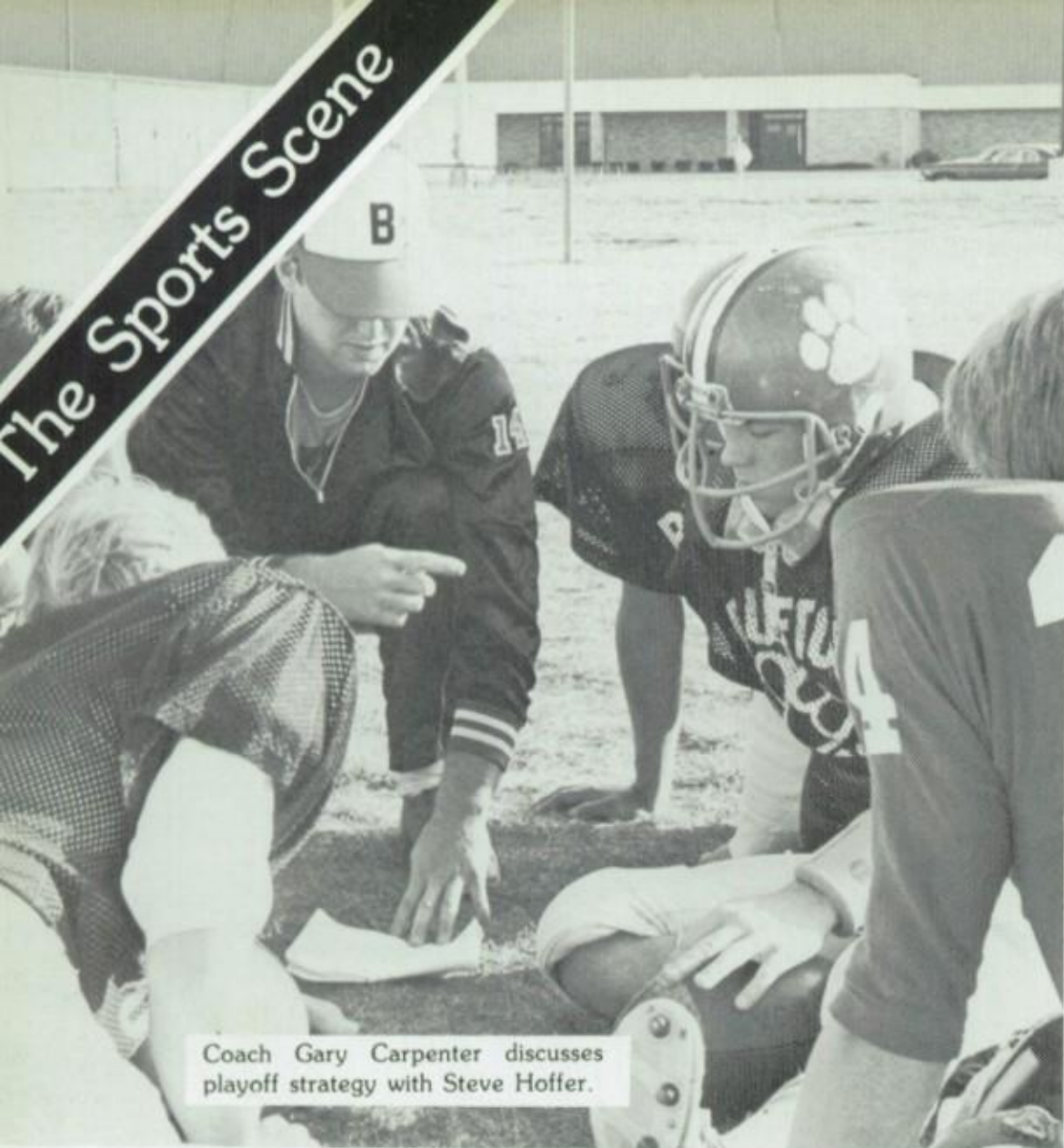
RAMURAL BASKETBALL PLAYERS. **FRONT ROW:** Scott
 ens, Chris Myers, Keith Wheeler, Phil Baumgartner and Mike Upt-
 t. **SECOND ROW:** Robert Barton, Kevin Ripple, Tony Shively, Mike
 ons and Dick Brickley. **THIRD ROW:** Scott Stanley, Willie Inskeep,
 in Taylor, Jeff Frauhiger and Kevin Reinhard. **FOURTH ROW:** Lon-
 Squier, Ron Whitesel, Rod Bucher, Jim Royal and Duane Adams.
CK ROW: Rob Karas, Jim Hiester, Chuck Edington, Tom Pastore,
 Prough and Brian Curry.



Junior Mike Uptgraft intercepts a
 pass from Ron Whitesel's team and
 starts his drive toward the basket.

Duane Adams and Jim Royal watch
 helplessly as captain Ron Whitesel
 fights for the rebound against Keith
 Wheeler and his undefeated team.





Coach Gary Carpenter discusses playoff strategy with Steve Hoffer.

Hoffer Nabs Honors

Senior standout Steve Hoffer finished his varsity football career in fine fashion, helping the Tigers to grab their first state playoff berth. In the process, he erased Bob McArdle's single game and season rushing records with 271 yards and 1615 yards, respectively.

Steve was chosen Wells County's "Player of the Year" as well as being named to the News-Banner offensive and defensive teams. In addition, he was named to three all-state football squads.

Steve lettered three years in football, wrestling and track and lettered once in baseball.

— Jane Noe

A Norwell defender slows Steve Hoffer, but one tackler is rare enough to bring down the all-state running-back. He was a key player in this Tiger conquest.



Zoll Makes It Three In A Row At State Meet

Qualifying for state competition three years in a row is a great achievement no matter what the sport. This is what Candy Zoll accomplished during her four year career at BHS in the growing sport of girls' swimming.

Candy made the state meet trip as a sophomore by capturing the sectional butterfly crown. She made it two in a row as she successfully defended that title as a junior, and as a senior she not only continued to dominate the butterfly event, but also qualified in the 200 I.M.

Candy finished her career as the most prolific swimmer

BHS has ever had. Her accomplishments include three-time sectional butterfly champion, three time state qualifier, three-time most valuable swimmer, senior co-captain and school records in the 200 freestyle, 200 I.M., 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Her butterfly record, a lifetime best of 1:03.37, will undoubtedly stand for a long time.

Candy lettered four years in swimming and also participated in track where she lettered three years throwing the shot and the discus.

— Steve Hoffer

Candy Zoll accepts an armful of awards from coach Pete Schmeckebier.



Serious Tiger Athletes Improve Fitness By Weightlifting

Bulging muscles and bulging egos, it is all part of the growing sport of weightlifting. Weightlifting is a fairly new sport to BHS, and although started just a few years ago, it has grown from an activity which involves just a few to a sport which involves nearly all athletes.

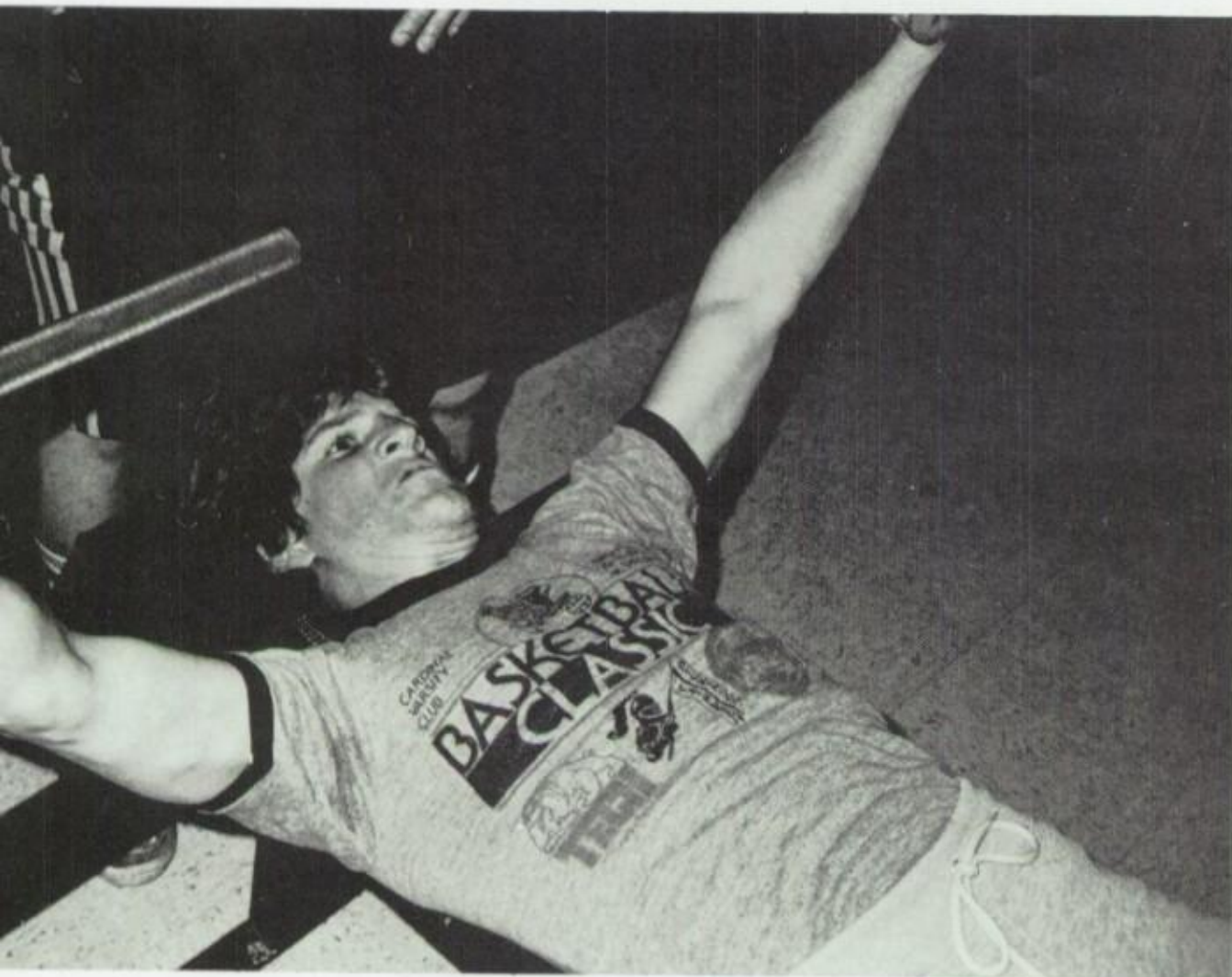
Instructor George Moore divided the sport into three categories lifting for strength, lifting for definition and lifting for endurance. Those who wanted to increase their strength lifted heavier weights and constantly increased the poundage. The ones who lifted for definition

concentrated on repetitions of lighter weight. Those who wanted to get in shape for a specific sport also did lightweight repetitions in order to increase their endurance.

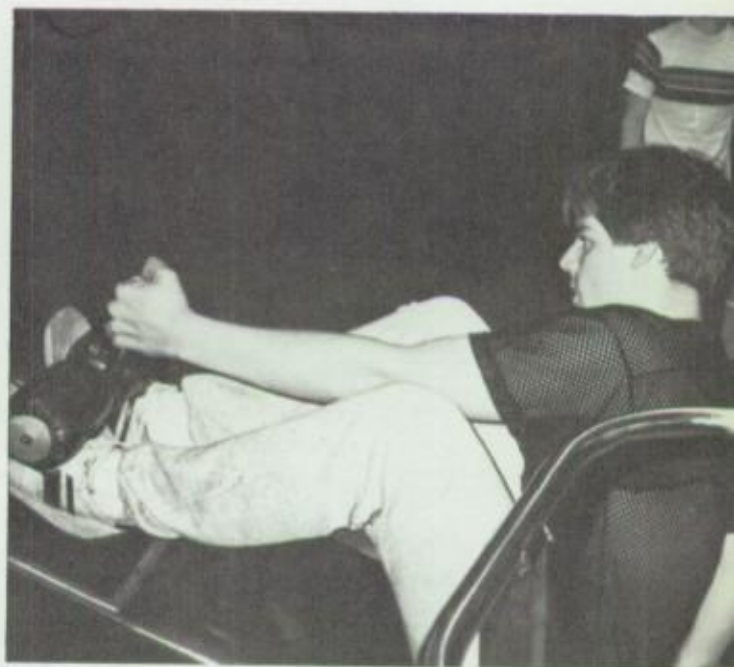
Weightlifting has not yet been recognized by the school as a true sport, but

Mr. Moore is working to get this changed. There was no actual reward given by the school for achievements in weightlifting, although Mr. Moore sold t-shirts to those who earned them.

— Mark Patterson



Junior Mark Miller puts up 200 lbs. in the bench press, qualifying for a weightlifting t-shirt.



Working out to the tunes of Mr. Moore's timed interval tape, Garrett Wietholter prepares to do situps on the Universal machine.

Tiger Award Presented To Mr. Carl Miller

Mr. Carl Miller was the recipient of the Athletic Booster Tiger Award, presented annually to a member of the community who greatly supports BHS athletics. Mr. Miller certainly met these qualifications, as he has supported Tigers by buying a season football ticket every year

since 1927.

Mr. Bob Hiester, president of the Bluffton Athletic Boosters, presented a plaque to Mr. Miller during halftime of the final home basketball game against Heritage.

— Kris Gerber



Assisted by cheerleader Angie George, Carl Miller proudly leaves his seat to accept the annual Tiger Award.

With much regret we report that Mr. Carl Miller died in early June. His sweet smile and presence in the Tiger Den will be greatly missed.

Bluffton's Best

As the spring athletic season came to an end, the top BHS athletes were honored at the Spring Athletic Awards Program. Major awards along with Circle B and B blankets were presented.

Bill Record, Ens. Robert Baumgartner Memorial Trophy recipient, and Shari Stauffer, Outstanding Female Athlete Trophy recipient, received top honors for their athletic achievements.

Also receiving high honors for their efforts were Jerry Sprankles, Mike Deam, Julie Seese, Tim Hickey and Lisa Blair. Sparnkles was awarded the Sgt. Ferguson Football Triumph Trophy. Deam and Seese received Athletic Scholarship Awards from the Rotary Club. Hickey accepted the Robert Ulmer Memorial Track Award, and Blair was the recipient of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Award.

Nine students were awarded blankets for their accomplishments. Receiving Circle B blankets for accumulating eight or more majors in their high school careers were Blair, Carla Corle, Steve Hoffer, Record, and Sanja Shane. Receiving B blankets were Deam, Seese, Stauffer and Candy Zoll for earning seven majors.

Local sports editor Joe Smekens was awarded the Tiger Spirit Recognition Award for his contributions to

the betterment of the BHS athletic program and its athletes.

— Penny Croy

Sportswriter Joe Smekens accepts congratulations after receiving the Tiger Spirit Recognition Award for his coverage of Bluffton athletics.

MAJOR TROPHY WINNERS. FRONT ROW: Shari Stauffer, Lisa Blair, and Julie Seese. **BACK ROW:** Bill Record, Mike Deam, Jerry Sprankles and Tim Hickey.



BLANKET WINNERS. FRONT ROW: Lisa Blair, Shari Stauffer, Carla Corle, Julie Seese and Sanja Shane. **BACK ROW:** Steve Hoffer, Bill Record and Mike Deam. (Not pictured: Candy Zoll.)

PEOPLE



Dave Harriett and Blake Poindexter find themselves behind schedule as they rush to class from the third floor.

Memories In The Making

Small in numbers but big in spirit, the class of 1983 was the smallest class to leave BHS since the graduates of 1963 left the halls twenty years earlier. The Senior Class proved that quality is more important than quantity as they kept busy with sports, band and other school activities during their high school years.

The senior football players became the talk of the town as they led the team through an undefeated season and played in Bluffton's first state playoff game. Named to the AP All-State team were Mike Parsons, Steve Hoffer, John Phillabaum and Ron Whitesel, with Hoffer also grabbing UPI All-State honors and Wells County's Player of the Year Award. Also on the sports scene, Candy Zoll qualified for the state swimming finals for the third year in a row, becoming the only BHS

swimmer ever to do so.

Senior band members placed first, second and sixth at the State Contest during their high school years and traveled to Philadelphia to be in Gimbels' Thanksgiving Parade during their sophomore year.

With two years of experience behind them, several seniors gave shining performances in the fall musical "The Sound of Music" and the winter production "Harvey."

During Fall Festival week the seniors were a dominant force as they won the three-legged race and all food contests after performing their skit entitled "The Tiger Challenge." Donna Brown was crowned Fall Festival Queen and the football team came through with a satisfying win over Norwell.

Probably the most lasting memories were created in the spring when the class of '83 attended the prom and turned their tassels at graduation, ending three years of hard work, well-deserved honors and enough memories to last a lifetime.

— Tanya Isch

In anticipation of college, Mike Parsons and John Phillabaum research football information from several universities with Coach Rex Bowser.

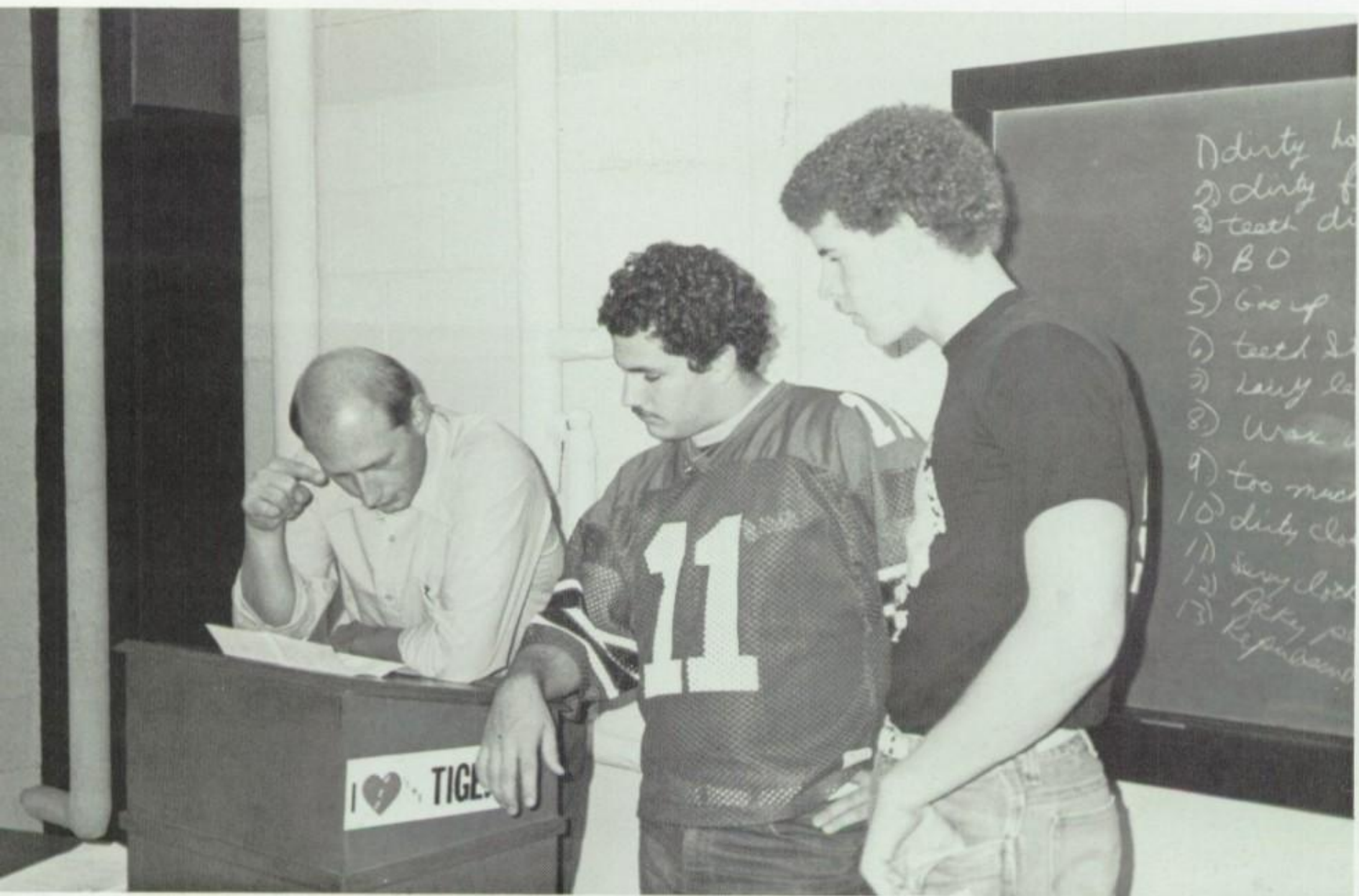
Fall Festival Queen Donna Brown and constant court Mike Deam celebrate the coronation and Norwell football victory at the Fall Festival dance.



Not being an expert on applying make-up, Rick Miller gets assistance from Peggy Pfister before going on stage for "The Sound of Music".

Leading the class through their senior year are Treasurer Cheryl Honegger, Secretary Debbie Brown, Vice President Mike Deam and President Bill Record.





Shari Stauffer, Julie Seese, Lisa Blair and Stacey Speheger hungrily await the food to be served at the Bengal Brigade Potluck dinner.

Sherry Brickey puts aside her lunch to participate in the voting for the **Comet's** "Tiger Top 10" survey of the latest favorite tunes.

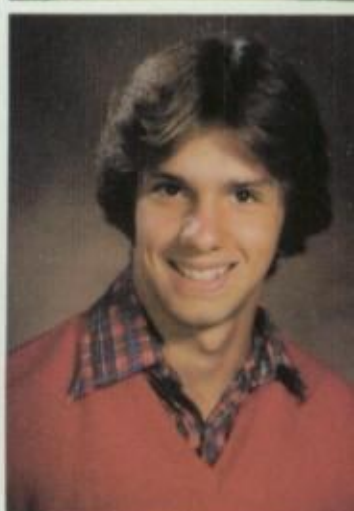
*Stuart Ault
Matt Bardsley
Mitch Barger*



*Debbie Barnell
Connie Baumgartner
Phil Baumgartner*



*Dawn Betz
Jill Biberstein
Mark Biddle*

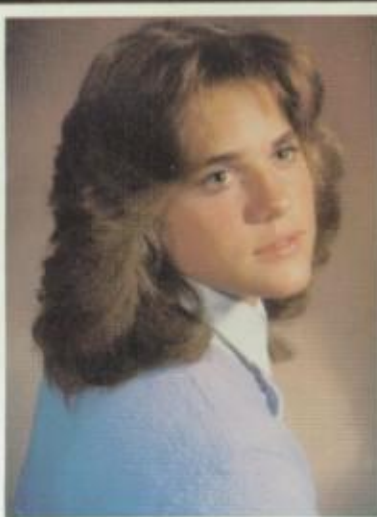


*Lisa Blair
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Brian Bradtmiller*

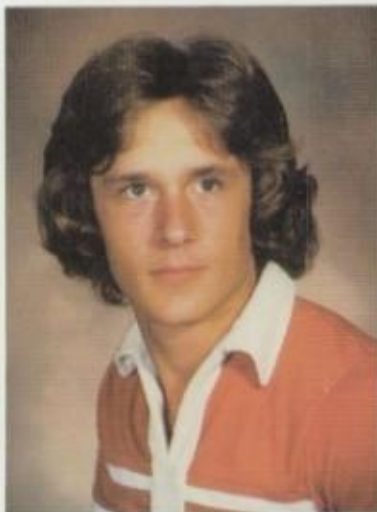


*Diann Breedlove
Camille Brewer
Sherry Brickey*





*Dick Brickley
Debbie Brown
Donna Brown*



*Dave Browning
Steven L. Burns
Brenda Cobbum*



*Carla Corle
Penny Croy
Mike Deam*



*Dee Dee Dillon
Linda C. Dyson
Tim Engle*



*Linn Faus
Sandra Bayne Fredrick
Dawn Gatke*

Peggy Lautzenheiser takes time to collect her thoughts before the bell in psychology class.

Jeff Hook's smile does not hide his anxiousness as a Red Cross volunteer drains a pint of his blood.

Mary McArdle points out a piece of Natalie Hay's uneaten pie to the judges. Both contestants agreed that the pie eating contest at band camp was a messy job.



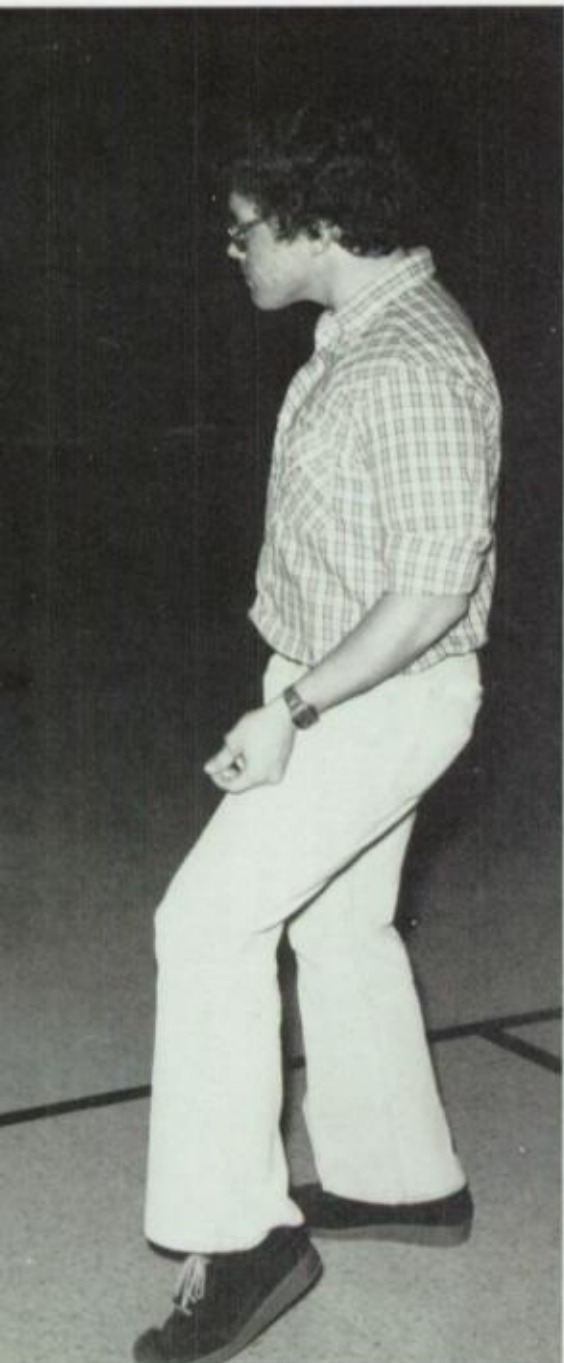
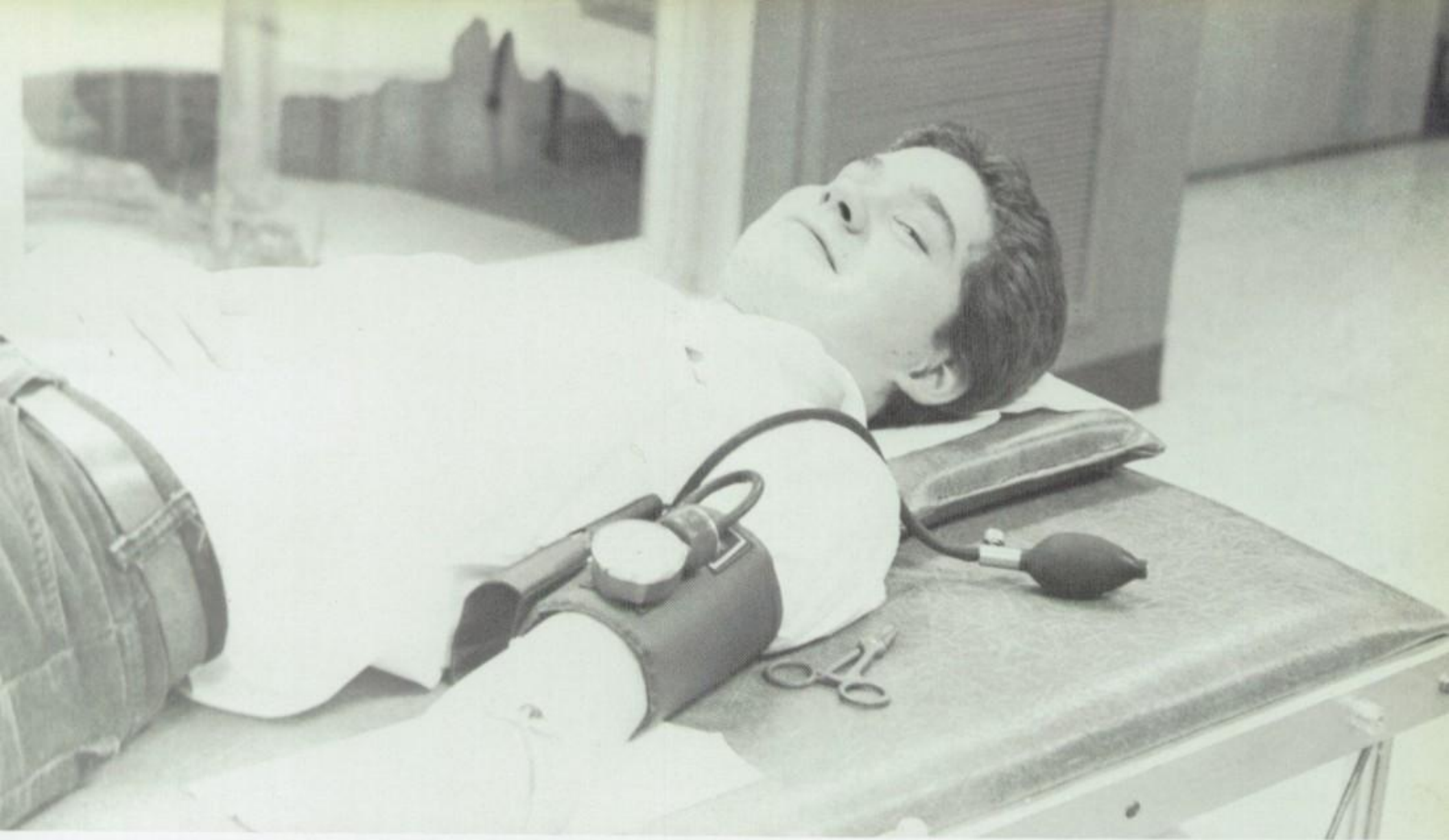
Quality Over Quantity In Class Of '83



Anticipating "a climb up government mountain," Julie Seese enters Mr. Kracium's class with a look of uncertainty, wondering if she needs a rope and boots.

Newlywed couple, Stuart and Lora Ault spend most of their time together inside and out of school.





Keith Wheeler, Mike Parsons, Tom Pastore, Ron Whitesel and Jerry Sprankles take bets on who will be the "Defensive Player of the Year."

Larry Mock was sure to show up at every school dance and finds the homecoming celebration a perfect opportunity to get into the beat.

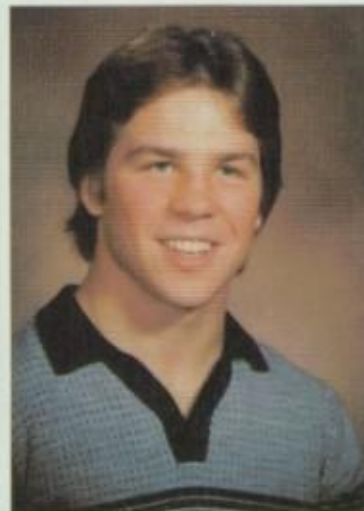
*Angie George
Darin Hartman
Natalie Hay*



*Tim Hickey
Jeff Higginbottom
June A. Higgins*



*Steve Hoffer
Cheryl A. Honegger
Jeff Hook*



*Brian Huffman
Joe Huss
Dave Irwin*



*Tanya Isch
Rhonda Kernstein
Peggy Lautzenheiser*





*Brian Liby
Beth Lohmuller
John Mackall*



*Trisha Markley
Becky Martin
Rea Masterson*



*Susan Maynard
Mary McArdle
Lora Mechling*



*Rick Miller
Larry Mock
Teresa Moore*



*Deb Moser
Drake Moser
Pamela A. Murphy*

'83 Senior Directory

A

Ault, Stuart: Track 11-12; Kiwanis 12.

B

Bardsley, Matt: ICE 12.
Barger, Mitch: Wrestling 11.
Barnell, Debbie: Volleyball 10-12; Track 11; Student Librarian 12; Cadet Teacher 12; Y-Teens 10-11; TOTO 12; OEA 11; Band 10-11-12; Swing Era 11-12; Choir 10-11; Office Helper 12.
Baumgartner, Connie: Office Helper 11-12; Y-Teens 10-11; Cheerblock 10-11; German Club 10-11; OEA 11-12.
Baumgartner, Phil: Football 10; Intramurals 10-11-12; ICE 12; RVS 11.
Betz, Dawn: Y-Teens 10-11-12; TOTO 12; Scholastic Award 10-11; Choir 10-11-12; Play 11.
Biberstein, Jill: Y-Teens 10; German Club 10-11-12; TOTO 11; National Honor Society 11-12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12.



Helping to raise part of the \$50 earned at the jail, Shari Stauffer and Mary Steffen man the door. Later, Mary won the sexiest toga contest.

Biddle, Mark: Wrestling 10; Football 10-11-12; Golf 10-11; Student Council 10-11; Class Vice President 10, Class President 11; Cadet Teacher 12; Involvement Committee 10; Kiwanis 12; Boy's State 11.
Blair, Lisa: Tennis 10-11-12; Golf 11-12; Gymnastics 10-11; Student Council 10; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Spanish Club 10-11-12; TOTO 11-12; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12; Plays 10-11-12.
Bower, Alan: Intramurals 11; ICE 12; RVS 11.
Breedlove, Diann: ICE 12.
Brewer, Camille: Golf 11-12; Y-Teens 10-11; Spanish Club 11; TOTO 12; FHA 10; OEA 11, Vice President 12; Publications 12.
Brickey, Sherry: Teacher Helper 12; Student Council Alternate 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11; TOTO 10-11-12; National Honor Society 11-12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12; Band 12; Chamber Choir 11-12; Plays 10-11-12.
Brickley, Dick: Football 10-11; Intramurals 10-12.
Brown, Deborah: Office Helper 12; Student Council 10, Treasurer 11-12; Class Secretary 12; Cadet Teacher 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11; Scholastic Award 10-11; Jazz Ensemble 11-12; Band 10-11, Drum Major 12.
Brown, Donna: Office Helper 12; German Club 10-11; Fall Festival Queen 12.
Browning, Dave: ICE 12; Swing Era 10-11-12.
Burns, Steve: RVS 11-12.

C

Cobbum, Brenda: ICE 12; Y-Teens 10-11; Choir 10-11.
Corle, Carla: Volleyball 10-11-12; Basketball 10-11-12; Track 10-11-12; Student Librarian 11-12; Cadet Teacher 12; Choir 10-11.
Croy, Penny: Gymnastics 10-11-12; Cheerleader 10; Student Librarian 11-12; Student Council Alternate 11; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10; TOTO 12; Play 11-12; Publications 12; Cadet Teacher 12.

D

Deam, Mike: Tennis 10-11-12; Baseball 10-11-12; Office Helper 12; Class Vice President 12; Spanish Club 10-11-12; Kiwanis 12; Boy's State 12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12.
Decker, Kelli: ICE 12.
Dillon, Dee Dee: Golf 11; Gymnastics 10; Student Council 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Color Guard 10-11-12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12.
Dyson, Linda: Spanish Award 9; Reading Award 10; Scholastic Award 10.

E

Eller, Ann:
Engle, Tim: Wrestling 10-11-12; Football 10-11; ICE 12; Spanish Club 10.

F

Faus, Linn: German Club 10.
Fredrick, Sandra Bayne: Y-Teens 10; German Club 10; Band 10.

G

Gatke, Dawn: Volleyball 11, Mgr. 10-12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11; TOTO 10-11-12; Speech Club 12; Color Guard 10; Play 10-11-12; Choir 10; Spanish Club 12.
George, Angie: Varsity Cheerleader 11-12; Student Council 10, Secretary 11, Vice President 12; Class Secretary 10, Class Treasurer 11; Cadet Teaching 12; Hugh O'Brien; Psi-Iota-Xi 11; Girl's State 11; DAR Good Citizen 12; Y-Teens 10, Vice President 11, President 12; German Club 10; TOTO 10, Treasurer 11, Secretary 12; Involvement Committee 10; Swing Era 10, Secretary 11, Sen. Rep. 12; Plays 10-11-12.

H

Hartman, Darin: Football 10; Baseball 10; Intramurals 10-12.
Hartman, Sheryl:
Hay, Natlie: Volleyball 10-11-12; Gymnastics Mgr. 10; Student Council Secretary 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Spanish Club 10, Treasurer 11, Secretary 12; TOTO 10-11; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12; Play 11.
Hickey, Tim: Wrestling 10; Track 10-11-12; Cross Country 11, Captain 12; Office Helper 12; Spanish Club 10; Scholastic Award 10-11; Band 10-11.
Higginbottom, Jeff: Swimming 10; TOTO 12; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12; Swing Era 10-11-12.
Higgins, June: Teacher Helper 11-12; Cheerblock 10; TOTO 10-11-12; Stage Crew 11-12; Band 12; Play 10-11-12; Choir 10-11-12.
Hoffer, Steve: Wrestling 10-11-12; Track 10-11; Football 10-11-12; Baseball 12; German Club 10; Stage Crew, Stage Mgr. 12; Publications 12; Kiwanis 12.
Honegger, Cheryl: Cheerleader 10-11; Student Council 10-11-12; Class Secretary 11, Class Treasurer 12; Cadet Teaching 12; Y-Teens 10-11, Treasurer 12; German Club 10, Vice President 11, Secretary 12; National Honor Society 11-12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12; Jazz Ensemble 10; Band 10-11; Swing Era 10-11; Play 11; Chamber Choir 12.
Hook, Jeff: ICE 12.
Huffman, Brian: Golf 10-11-12.
Huss, Joe: Football 10-11; Baseball 10-12; Swimming 10; Art Club 12; Spanish Club 10.

Tom Pastore presents a danger on the dance floor with his spear but his Neptune costume made him a finalist in the most authentic toga contest.



I

Irwin, David: Basketball 11-12.
Iach, Tanya: Volleyball 10-11, Captain 12; Basketball 10-11-12; Track 10-12; Tennis 11; Student Council 11; USNJA Award 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11-12; Dabblers 10, President 11, Vice President 12; Quill and Scroll 11-12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12; Publications Man, Ed. 11, Retro-Editor 12.

K

Kernstein, Rhonda: Y-Teens 11.

L

Lautzenheiser, Peggy: Golf 10-11; Cadet Teaching 12; Y-Teens 10-11.
Lohmuller, Beth: Swimming 10-11-12; Gymnastics 10; English Award 11; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11-12; Classical Music 10-11-12; TOTO 11-12; National Honor Society 11, Vice President 12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12; Jazz Ensemble 10; Band 11; Swing Era 11; Play 10-11-12.





M

McKall, John: Golf 10-11.
McKley, Tricia: Dabblers 10.
McLain, Becky:
McLaren, Rea: Volleyball 10-11; Basketball 10-11; Track 10-11; Teacher Helper 11; Student Council 10; Cadet Teaching 12; Y-Teens 10-11; Cheerblock 10; Publications 11-12.
McMann, Susan: Basketball Mgr. 10; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Cheerblock 10-11; FHA 11; Stage Crew 10-11; Choir 10-11-12.
McMurdie, Mary Lee: Swimming 10-11-12; Cheerleader 10; Student Council 10-11-12; Class President 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11; President 12; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12.
McMulling, Lora: Gymnastics 10-11; Office Helper 11-12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11; Color Guard 10-11-12.
McMurry, Rick: Basketball 10-11-12; Track 10; Tennis 10-11-12; Student Council 12; USAA National Spanish Award 11; Kiwanis 12; Master of Ceremonies for Prom 11; Master of Ceremonies for Homecoming 12; Spanish Club 10-11-12; Boy's State 11; Play 11-12; Spanish Award 11.
McMurry, Teresa: Volleyball 10-11; Gymnastics 10-11; Office Helper 10-11-12; Cadet Teaching 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Spanish Club 10-11-12.
McMurry, Deb: Volleyball 10-11; Mat Maid 10; Student Librarian 11-12; ICE President 12; Y-Teens 10; Cheerblock 10-11.
McMurry, Drake: Tennis 10-11-12; Golf 10-11-12.
McMurry, Tracy: RVS 11-12; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12.

N

Nelson, Brian: RVS 11-12.
Nelson, Mike: Basketball 10; Football 10-11-12; Golf 10-11; Intramurals 12; Class Vice President 11; Cadet Teacher 12; Kiwanis 12.
Nelson, Tom: Football 10-11-12; Intramurals 12; Kiwanis 12.
Nelson, Mark: Track 10; Football 11; Student Council 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11-12; Stage Crew 12; Scholastic Award 10; Publications 12.
Nelson, Penni: Y-Teens 10.
Nelson, Dawn: Teacher Helper 11; ICE 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; FHA 11.

P

Patterson, Mary: ICE Secretary 12.
Patterson, John: Wrestling 12; Football 10-11-12; Baseball 10-11; Student Council 12.
Patterson, Brad: Football 10-11; Baseball 10-11; Swimming 10-11-12; Student Council 10; Spanish Club 10-11-12; Stage Crew 11; Swing Era 11-12; Play 11; Publications 12.

R

Rand, Bill: Track 10-11-12; Football 10-11-12; Swimming 10-11-12; Student Council 10-11-12; Class President 12; German Club 10-11-12; Stage Crew 12; Boy's State 11; Band 10-11.
Rand, Tammy:
Rand, Kevin: ICE Secretary 12.

Jail keeper Tanya Isch gives the prisoners a severe warning about escape attempts from the Roman Dungeon as Sanja Shane visits one of the inmates.

Saturdays are not boring for the dynamic, daring duo of Connie Baumgartner and Janet Schaffter who set out to conquer the ice at the lower level of the Glenbrook Mall in Fort Wayne.

S

Schaffter, Janet: Y-Teens 10-11-12; Choir 10-11-12; Publications 12.
Seese, Julie: Basketball 10; Tennis 10-11-12; Swimming 10-11-12; Student Librarian 12; Student Council 12; Class Treasurer 10; Y-Teens 10-11; Secretary 12; Spanish Club 10; Secretary 11; President 12; National Honor Society 11-12; Scholastic Award 10-11-12; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12.
Settle, Peggy: Volleyball 10; RVS 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Band 10-11; Play 11.
Shane, Sanja: Volleyball 10-11, Capt. 12; Basketball 10-11-12; Track 10-11-12; Student Librarian 11; Cadet Teacher 12; Tiger Mascot 12; Play 10-11-12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; Dabblers 10-11-12; Swing Era 12; Choir 11.
Shaw, Sandy: Y-Teens 10-11; Choir 10-11-12.
Shively, Tony: Tennis 10-11-12; Intramurals 10-11-12.
Simons, Kathy:
Smekens, Dean: Cadet Teacher 12; German Club 10; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12.
Smith, Lori: Y-Teens 10-11; TOTO 12; Band 10-11-12; Swing Era 10-11-12; Play 12.
Sparks, Bill: Office Helper 11.
Speheger, Stacey: Gymnastics 10-11; Student Council Alternate 10-11-12; Who's Who 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; OEA 12; Scholastic Award 10; Color Guard 10-11-12; Swing Era 11-12; Choir 10.
Sprankles, Jerry: Wrestling 10-11-12; Football 10-11-12.
Squier, Lynn: Volleyball 10-11; Track 10-11, All-conference 10; Gymnastics 10; Mat Maid 10; Student Council 10; ICE 12; Involvement Committee 11; Publications 11.
Stauffer, Shark: Volleyball 10-11-12; Basketball 10-11-12; Tennis 10-11-12; German Club 10; TOTO 12; Band 10-11-12; Play 11-12; Publications 11-12.
Steffen, Mary: Tennis 11; Golf 10; Gymnastics 10; Student Council 11; Cadet Teacher 12; Who's Who 12; Y-Teens 10-11-12; German Club 10-11; OEA 11; Color Guard 10-11-12; Play 10-11-12; Choir 10; Publications 11-12.
Steffen, Sam:
Surfus, David: Wrestling 10-11-12; Football 10-12; Baseball 10-11-12; Student Council 10-11, President 12; Cadet Teacher 12; German Club 10; Stage Crew 10-11-12; Band 10-11.
Swisher, Doug: Wrestling 10-11-12; German Club 10; Computer Club Secretary/Treasurer 12.

T

Taylor, Teresa: Track 10; Mat Maid 11; Cheerleader 10; Y-Teens 10-11.
Taylor, Tracy: Mat Maid 10; Student Librarian 12; ICE 12; Y-Teens 10; Choir 10-11.

V

Vice, Terry: Swimming 10-11; Spanish Club 10; TOTO 12; Scholastic Award 10; Jazz Ensemble 10-11-12; Band 10-11-12; Play 12.



W

Walburn, Carol: Office Helper 11-12; Student Council 12; Y-Teens 10-11; Cheerblock 10; OEA 11, President 12.
Wheeler, Keith: Football 10-11-12; Baseball 10-11; Intramurals 10-11-12; OEA 10.
Whitesel, Ron: Football 10-11-12; Intramurals 10-12; Cadet Teacher 12; Most Valuable Lineman All-County Offense, Third Team All-State Offense 12.
Whitesel, Jeff:
Wietholter, Kyle: Basketball 10-11-12; Tennis 10-11-12; Teacher Helper 12; Spanish Club 10; Swing Era 10-11-12.
Wright, Mike: TOTO 10-11-12; Speech Club 10-11-12; Play 10-11; Choir 10-12.

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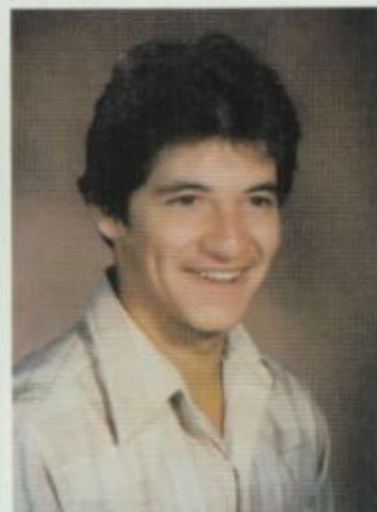
Zoll, Candy: Basketball 10; Track 10-11; Swimming 10-11-12; Student Council 10; ICE 12; Y-Teens 10; Choir 10-11.

Ron Whitesel, Jerry Sprankles and Dave Irwin present an impregnable force on the second floor stairwell that was used as a male gathering spot each morning or a lovers' hideaway during the lunch period.

*Tracy Myers
Brian Noble
Michael Parsons*



*Tom Pastore
Mark Patterson
Penni Pearson*



*Dawn Perry
Mary Perry
John Phillabaum*



*Brad Pike
Bill Record
Kevin Ripple*



*Janet Schaffter
Julie Seese
Peggy Settle*

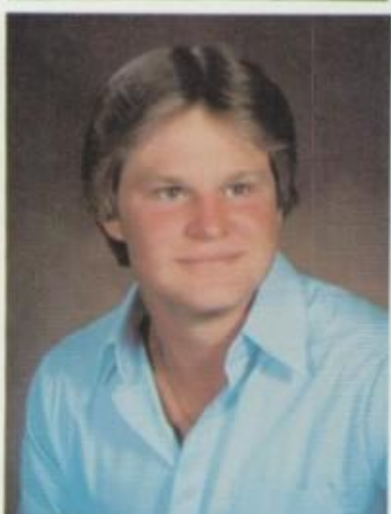




*Sanja Shane
Sandy Shaw
Tony Shively*



*Dean Smekens
Lori Smith
Bill Sparks*



*Stacey Speheger
Jerry Sprankles
Lynn R. Squier*



*Shari Stauffer
Mary Steffen
Sam Steffen*



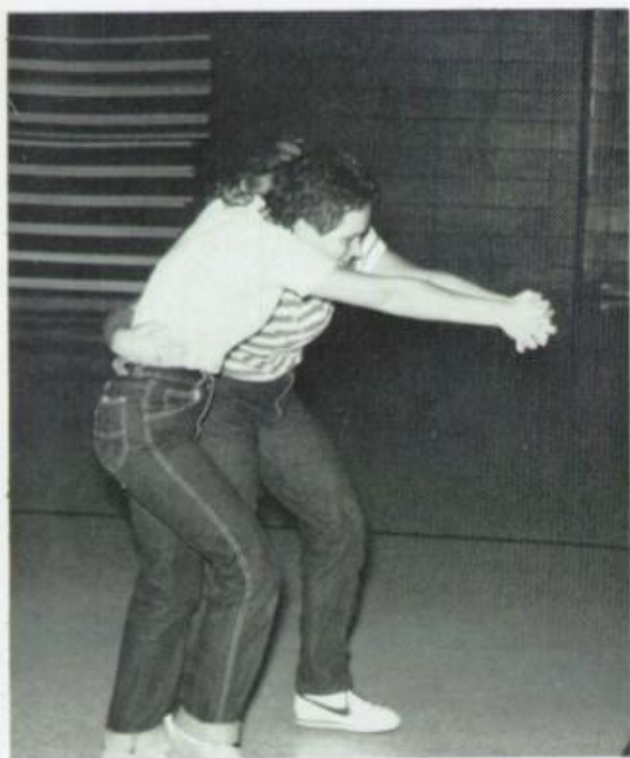
*Dave Surfus
S. Douglas Swisher
Teresa Taylor*

Seniors Get Involved In Final Year

Tony Shively and Mike Deam get a head start on Mr. Kracium's famous Christmas homework assignment amid his large amount of daily notes.



Although "Hat Day" was not one of the more popular or flashy dress-up days, Mary Perry sports a derby around school like a true Tiger fan.



Despite the punk and new wave trends that eventually spread to Indiana, Dawn Gatke and Sue Pugin opt for the more traditional tango at an OEA dance.

Natalie Hay dons a tie and shades for band practice in an effort to get psyched up for the State Contest.





Deb Moser donates one pint of the ninety-nine pints of blood collected by the American Red Cross in the commons area in mid-November.

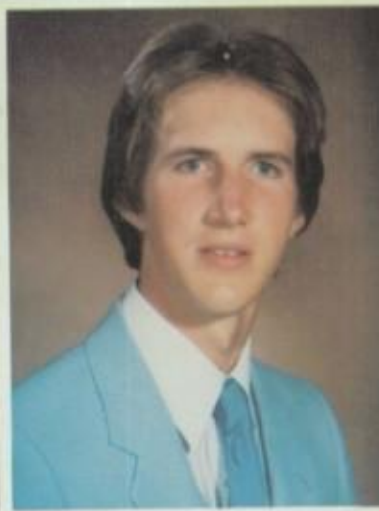
Tom Pastore flashes the "Ron Forever" sign, a habit acquired by the senior guys during the football season in reference to tackle Ron Whitesel.



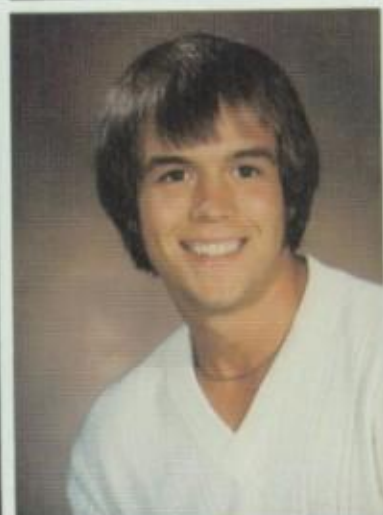
Though Beth Lohmuller looks like she just got out of bed, she is really showing school spirit by dressing for "nighty-night Knights" day.



*Tracy Taylor
Terry Vice
Carol Walburn*



*Keith Wheeler
Ron Whitesel
Jeff Whitesell*

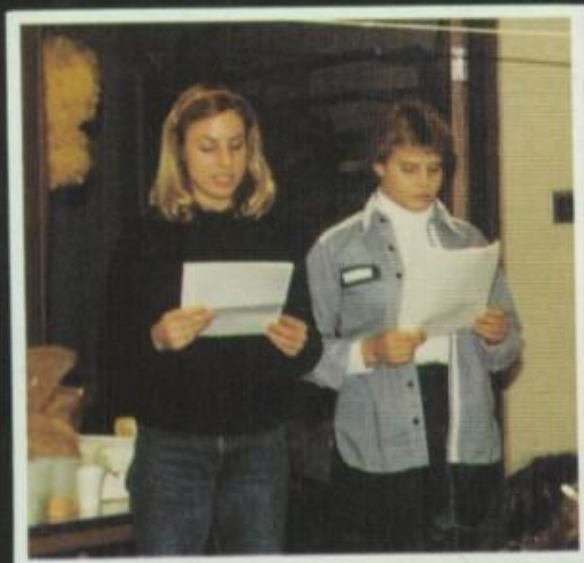


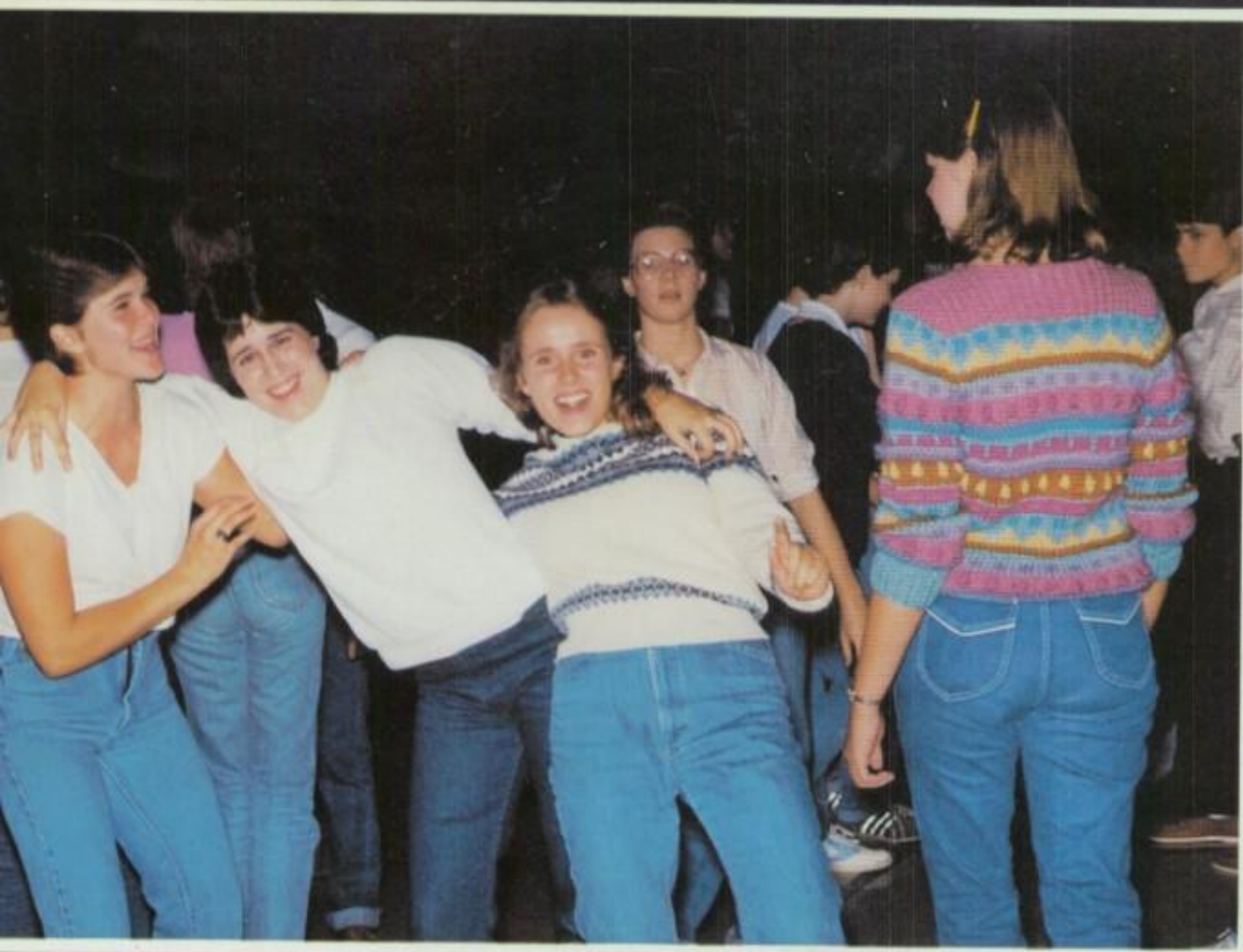
*Kyle Wietholter
Mike Wright
Candy Zoll*



The clouds parted and the rain ceased just in time for Mary Steffen, Stacy Speheger and a packed stadium to cheer the Tigers in the playoff game.

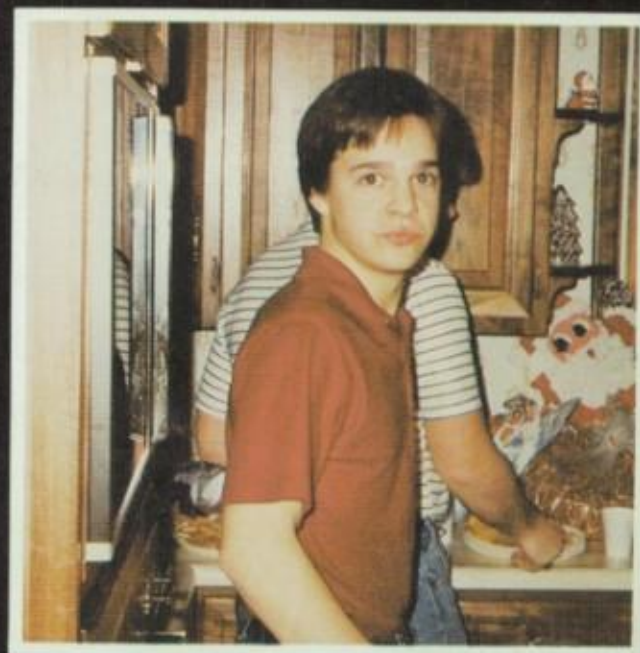
Beth Lohmuller and Mary McArdle read old German Christmas traditions at the Spanish-German Party.





Celebrating the homecoming victory over Norwell, Stacey Speheger, Carol Walburn and Connie Baumgartner form a chorus line at the dance.

Students find the Christmas season a good time for parties and celebrations. Dean Smekens knows where there is a party, there is also food.



After an expensive Christmas season, Shari Stauffer and Carla Corle find the after-Christmas sales a little easier on their budgets.

As a member of I.C.E., Lynn Squier takes her job at K-Mart very seriously, especially when it comes to counting a customer's change.

The weather in December and January was relatively mild as students and faculty missed the delays and snow days. Seniors, instead of the usual January snow, cover Mr. Garton's truck.



Juniors

Kim Brown and Angela Grusd take time out from a vigorous band practice at band camp to browse through a Manchester bookstore to find the latest best sellers.



Duane Adams
Elizabeth Ball
Teresa Bardsley
Robert Barton
Debbie Baumgartner
Greg Baumgartner



Vicki Baumgartner
Mike Blair
Kent Bower
Lisa Bowman
Lisa Bradley
Kelly Brickley



Lila Brinneman
Kim Brown
Rodney Bucher
David Butler
Kurt Byanski
Jon Campbell



Dave Carnall
Scott Carr
Troy Chaffee
Scot Chandler
Vicki Christianson
Mike Clifton



Peggy Curran
Tim Davis
Sherry Dustman
Barbara Dyson
Tim Eubank
Brian Falk





Steve Fether
Dianna Flowers
Jodi Foreman
Tim Franklin
Tina Frus
Lisa Garrett

Ben Gerber
Kevin Gerber
Kris Gerber
Kim Geyer
Dawn Greenlee
Angela Grusd

Greg Hacha
Deanea Hall
Jill Harnish
Tracie Harris
Steve Harvey
Peter Hazelton

John Hill
Rick Hughett
Sandy Hunnicutt
Fred Ilnicki
Scott Irvin
Brian Isch



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: President Mike Blair and Vice President Peter Hazelton.
BACK ROW: Treasurer Kim Miller and Secretary Cheryl Schorey.

Making Most Of Final Year As Underclassmen

Content to be underclassmen for just one more year, the juniors did many things to pass the time a little more quickly.

Many juniors sang their way onto stage in the fall production of "Sound of Music." Tom Link and fellow actors Peter Hazelton, Jayne Sands, Lisa Bowman, Scott Carr, Jim Paxton and Phil Moser helped make the show even more of a success.

In Fall Festival activities, Jill Harnish was chosen as junior princess and her escort was Mike Clifton. Many juniors participated in the class skit of "The Pride Is Right." The junior girls pulled

their way to win the overall title in the tug-of-war contest.

Next came "Harvey" and its delightful cast which contained some of the other musical actors. New to the stage this time were Daphne Willett, Sue Pagin and Jim Royal.

Finally, after many long hours of hard work, the juniors presented "A Night in the Tropics" to the seniors at the prom. Complete with grass huts, hula girls and tropical food, the juniors' final class project of the year was a success.

— Peg Curran

Heather Jackson
Chris Kernstein
Doug King
LaDonna King
Sue King
Pam Kinsey



Jim Korte
Shelly Kummer
Joe Leitner
Steve Lhamon
Tom Link
Mike Loshe



Mark Magley
Michelle Meyer
Monica Milholland
Andrea Miller
Kim Miller
Mark Miller



Margie Moon
Kris Morris
Daniel Moser
Phil Moser
Kim Neidlinger
Randy Newman



Taking time to do the small things that need to be done in creating a masterpiece, Lonnie Squier begins to stain his work of art in Woods class.

Dawn Greenlee proves that cheerleading is not only for cheerleaders as she waves a homemade pom-pom at a home basketball game.

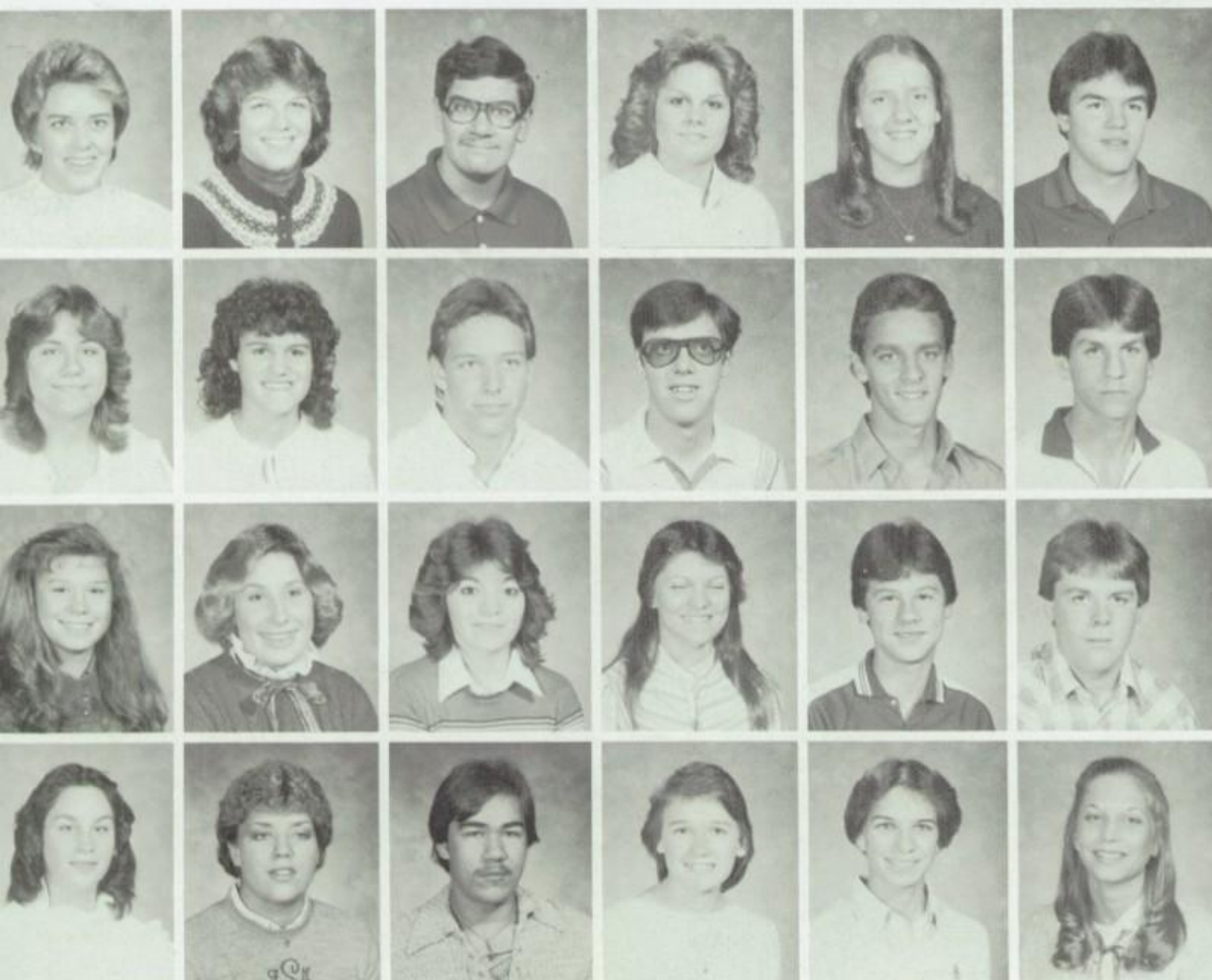


Work Without Pay



Honored by the Wells Chapter of the American Red Cross for over 463 hours of volunteer work, Debbie Stanley spends time conversing with Babe Farley, a resident of Meadowvale Care Center.

Kim Miller photocopies music for Mrs. Ennis, as library aids were expected to perform many duties and were awarded a grade for the first time at BHS.



Sandra Oliver
Lana Oman
Dennis Osborn
Sue Pagin
Marybeth Parsons
Jim Paxton

Michaela Perry
Peggy Pfister
Ryan Pike
Jim Poling
Tim Prough
Kevin Reinhard

Angie Renner
Tina Rhoades
Cindy Ridge
Cathy Rogers
Luster Roush
Jim Royal

Lori Sallach
Jayne Sands
Mike Sark
Barbara Schnerre
Carol Schnerre
Cheryl Schorey

Selling yearbook ads can bring forth a Big Mac attach; to satisfy his hunger, Troy Chaffee snacks on a Mac while Phil Moser opts for the cherry pie.

With no regard for neatness, Jim Royal and Fred Ilnicki discover that the pie eating contest can bring out the child in anyone at band camp.



Food Consumption Ranks As Favorite Pastime

Twilla Sell
Judy Shaw
Pam Shedd
Karen Sills



Scott Sliger
Lonnie Squier
Deb Stanley
Mitch Steffen

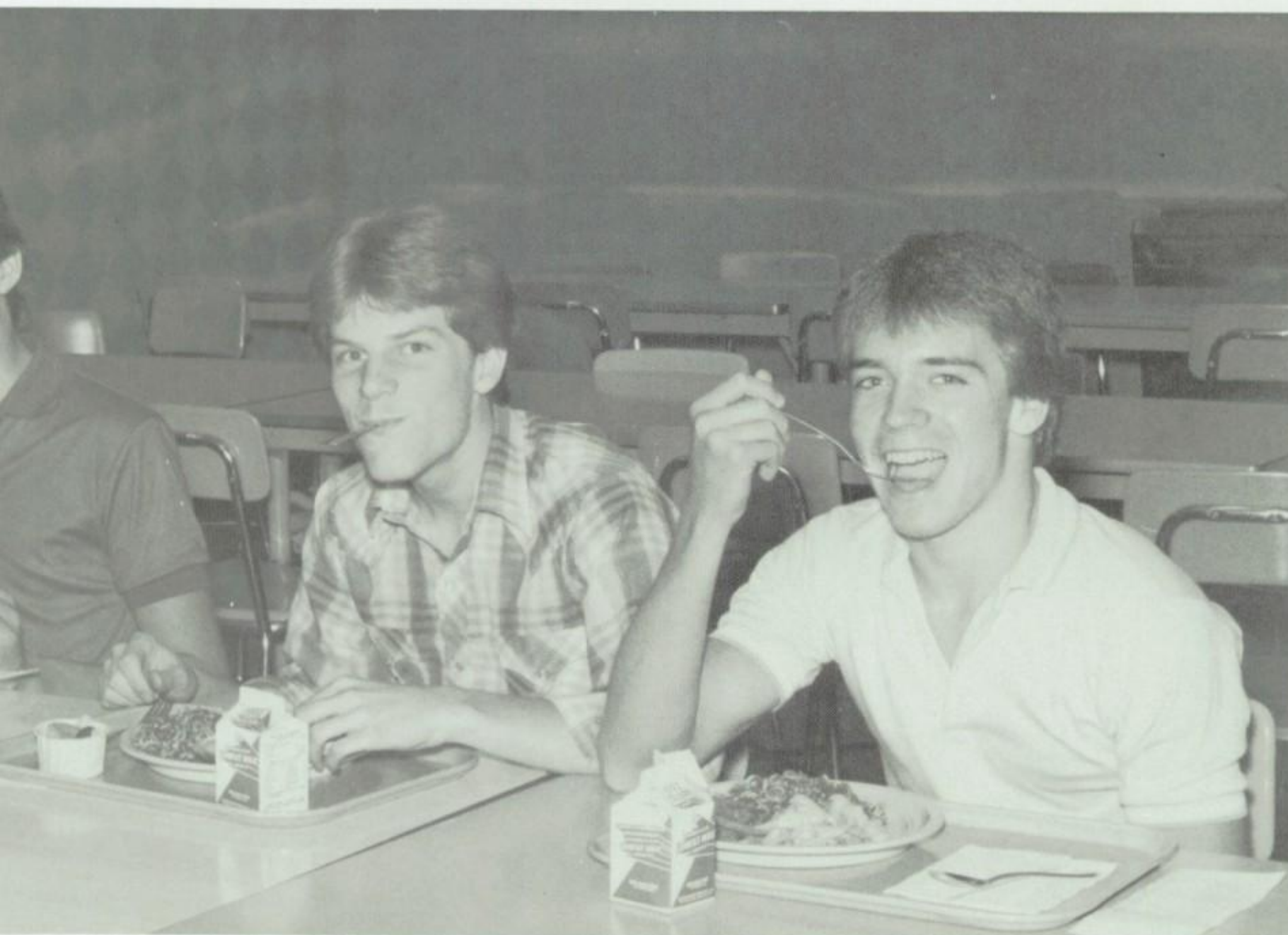




Tom Steffen
Jim Streater
Clay Taylor
Jeff Thompson
Tina Thompson
Beth Trubey

Lori Umphrey
Mike Uptgraft
Tom VandenTop
Jolene VanOver
Kevin Walburn
Brian Wedding

Stacey West
Dan Williams
Tim Williams
Daphne Willett
Tonya Worthington



...stringing 104, 500-foot streamers, Dennis Os-
descends from his ladder to eat pizza, which
carried in for all prom volunteers.

Many students would cringe at the thought of eating
lunch in the school cafeteria. Mark Miller and Tom
Steffen are an exception to the rule.

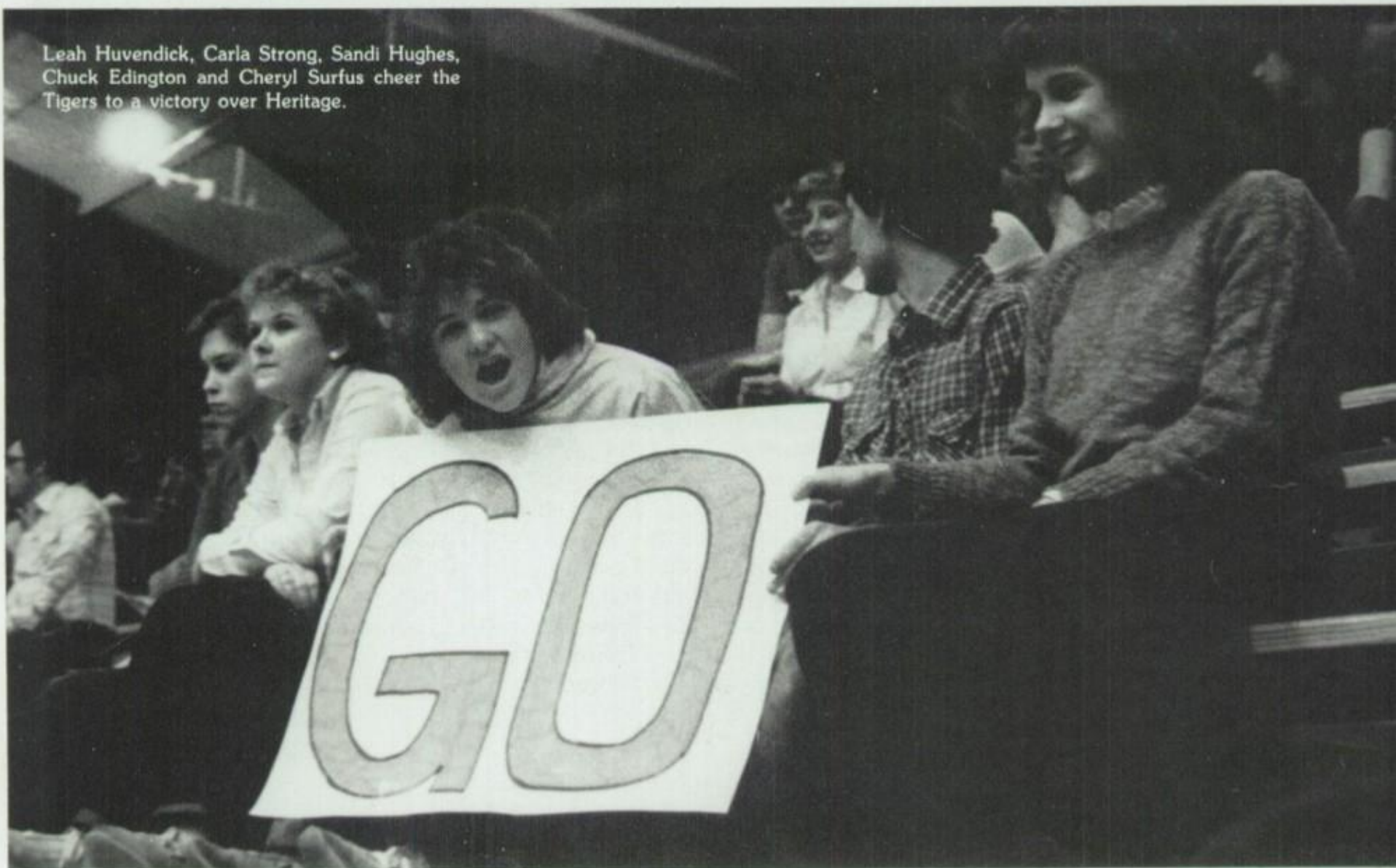
Sophomores

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS. President Carla Strong, Vice President Chuck Edington, Treasurer Jane Noe, Secretary Curt Newman.

Chuck Edington and Garrett Wietholter take part in the usual after game activities at the home town Pizza Hut after sectional.



Leah Huvendick, Carla Strong, Sandi Hughes, Chuck Edington and Cheryl Surfus cheer the Tigers to a victory over Heritage.





Kelly Allread
Tom Athan
Thea Barnes
Chris Barton
Brenda Bayes

Liesl Bayouth
Mark Beals
Tim Beck
Kurt Beer
David Bengs

Doug Betz
Mark Boxell
Daphne Braner
Dawn Breininger
Doyle Brickey

Randy Brickey
Shane Brinson
Dale Brown
Rich Brown
Shawn Burke



Shannon and Marlayne Hirzel celebrate a rare victory over Norwell by forming a chorus line at the homecoming dance at the junior high.

Successful, Busy Year For Talented Sophomores

The Class of '85 proved to be an active part of BHS by participating in many of the year's events. Plays, sporting events, dances and many other activities were offered to the 109 sophomores and many took advantage of these opportunities.

The sophomores joined in the festivities of Fall Festival by presenting the skit "Cow Patti" and Chris Honegger and Jason Miller captured the wheelbarrow race title. The sophomore princess was Beth Meyer, escorted by Jim Hiester.

The sophomores also sponsored fund raising projects, such as a dance on Jan. 21 and the candy sales in February. The

top seller was Jill Harshman who contributed \$316 to the total \$5887 raised.

Extra-curricular activities were in the schedules of many sophomores as over 30 people majored in athletic events while others proved their talents on the stage. Jane Noe, Carla Strong and Don Caudill showed their interest in the government by paging for State Rep. Jeff Espich.

Several sophomores closed out their year by serving at the Junior-Senior Prom.

— Sandi Hughes

Scott Burns
Tina Castle
Don Caudill
Lisa Cobb
Sherri Collins



Scott Cowens
Gina Cully
Brian Curry
Chuck Decker
Chuck Edington



Cole Edington
John Emshwiller
Kim Fear
Melanie Fogle
Donna Garrison



Julie Gilbert
Paige Hamilton
David Harriett
Jill Harshman
Sheri Hart

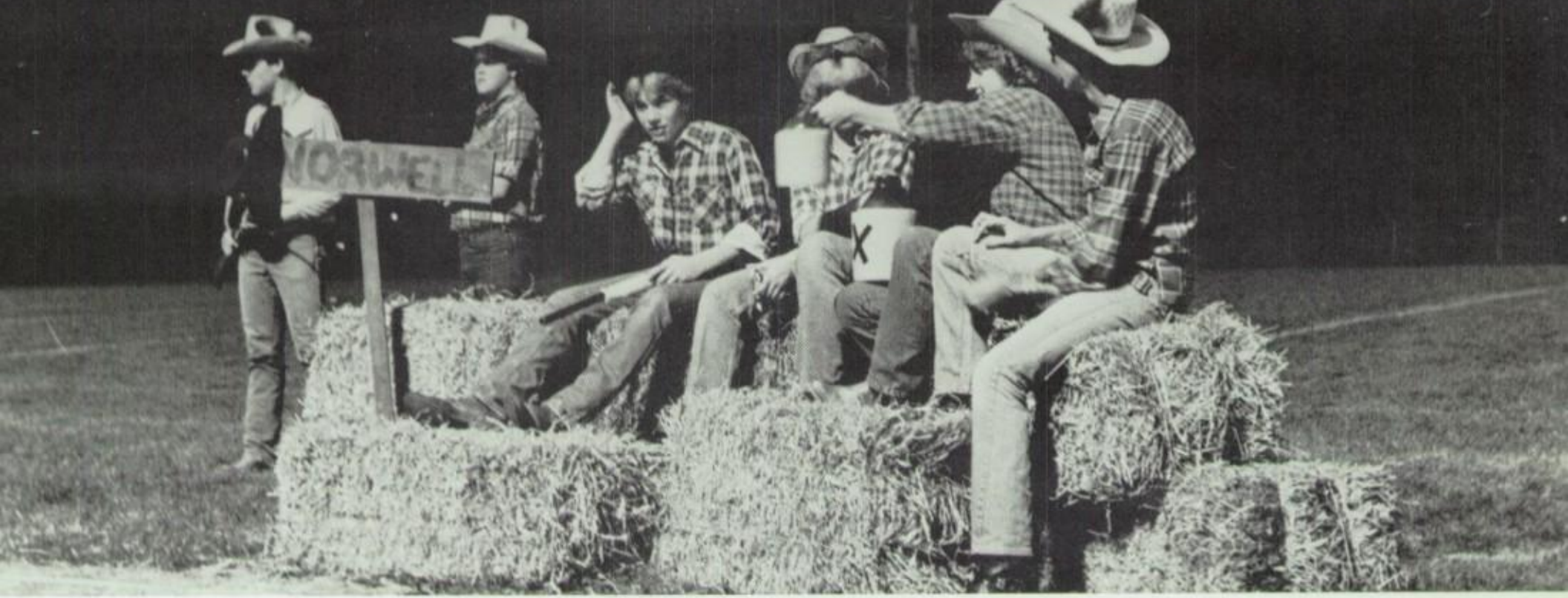


Regan Kreigh finds herself in the psychiatrist's office as the confused Vita Louise Simmons in the spring production of "Harvey."

Julie Miller, Lisa Wheeler and Marcy White try to dodge the photographer as they make their way to the dance floor to get down and boogie.



Garrett Wietholter, Doyle Brickey, Jason Miller, Thea Barnes, Cheryl Surfus, and Jim Hiester put their Tiger loyalty on hold to become Norwell cowboys for their "Cow Patti" skit at Fall Festival.



Dave Hatch
Jim Hiester
Kris Hinesley
Marlayne Hirzel
Chris Honegger



Kent Hook
Sandi Hughes
Leah Huvendick
Willie Inskeep
Gail Isch



Rob Karas
Lacey Knowles
Jon Krebs
Regan Kreigh
Beth Lindsay



Scott Longenberger
Cris Lutz
Carla Lydy
Lori Mann
Becky Masterson



Chris McFarren
Mark Mettler
Beth Meyer
Jason Miller
Julie Miller



Randy Brickey and Doyle Brickey support the Tiger football team from the sidelines as manager Doug Betz discusses strategy.

Daphne Steury, Curt Newman and Shawn Burke sort out their share of the \$6000 worth of candy sold during the sophomore candy sale.



Andrea Mock
Kim Mohler
Rex Morgan
Lora Mounsey
Todd Neidlinger



Curt Newman
Jane Noe
Ralph Osborn
Lisa Pearson
Tammy Perry



Heather Pitts
Blake Poindexter
Jené Pond
Lisa Ramseyer
Matt Reeb



Gerry Riveros
Mark Roberts
Randy Robison
Wendy Sallach
Eric Satterfield





Mike Sawyer
Lisa Shannon
Doug Shoup
Marie Sprunger
Cammy Steffen



Jean Steffen
Daphne Steury
Carla Strong
Carol Strunk
David Sundling



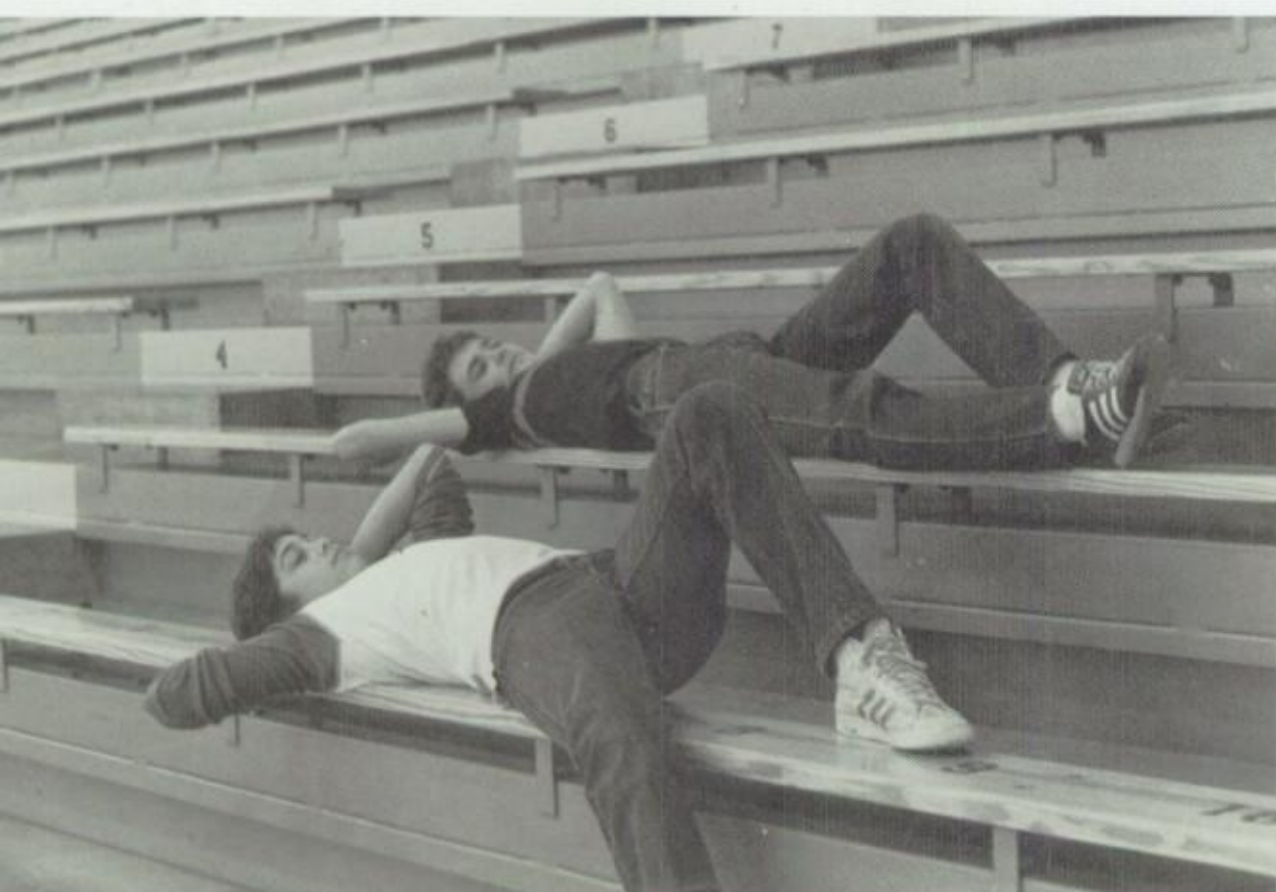
Cheryl Surfus
Brian Sutton
Cindy Szott
Deidre Thompson
Dion Thompson



Kristy VanZant
Chuck Wallace
Lisa Wheeler
Bob White
Marcy White



Patty White
Garrett Wietholter
Barry Willits
Tony Wright



At a late play practice, Puerto Rican transfer Liesl Bayouth turns off the mellow tunes of "The Sound of Music" and turns on Loverboy.

Mike Sawyer and Barry Willits find that the bleachers in the gym are as good a place as any to recover from the school's lunch.

Freshmen



Representing the Freshman Class, Dave McArdle escorts Shari Speheger to the Fall Festival platform to begin homecoming halftime activities.



Karen Adams
Sharon Adams
Gina Addington
Missy Baxter
John Bayes
Steve Betz



Kristi Blair
Corby Blem
Jim Boggs
Tina Bowen
Lenny Braner
Jay Brickley



Kami Brickley
Shawna Brinson
Chris Brown
Michelle Brown
Patsy Burchett
Kelly Butcher



Steve Butler
Lisa Carnall
Sharon Carr
Susan Carr
Vicki Chandler
Wendy Clark



Brenda Cochran
Bret Cole
Jim Curran
Michelle DeWitt
Tonya Dickason
Cindy Dillman



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS. President Kristi
air, Secretary Ashley Flowers, Treasurer Sharon
arr and Vice President Dave McArdle.

att Garrett discovers that there is more to fresh-
an basketball than putting a ball in a hoop as he
hers for the reserve and varsity games.



Rookies Adapt To BHS

The Freshmen Class came to BHS with over 120 students full of spirit and eager to begin their high school careers.

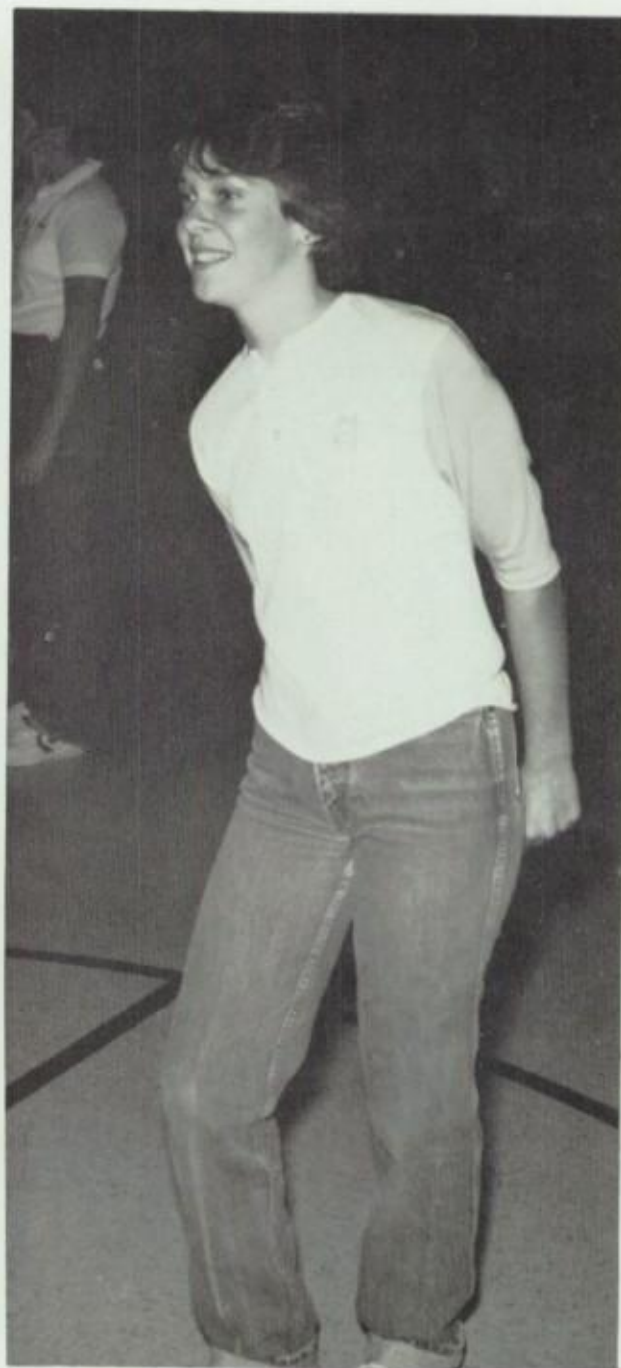
Being only the second ninth grade class to enter the doors since the major reorganization last year, the class had mixed emotions on how they felt when they first came to the school. Several students felt a little nervous and scared. Lisa Carnall, Patty Dillman and Anne Link stated, "We thought that we would never be able to make it to class on time because there are so many other students trying to get to their classes too. But after being here and experiencing what goes on, we found out BHS is almost like the junior high except the junior high doesn't have stairs."

Participation is one word that can sum up the Class of '86. Freshmen played an important part on many sports teams as well as in plays, band, choir and speech team. They were also active in various club activities as freshmen girls were allowed to join Y-teens for the first time. Even though they are often considered the youngsters of the school, freshmen received an equal opportunity to voice opinions via the student council.

The freshmen ended the year with as much spirit as they had begun by celebrating the last week of school with a class party.

— Janet Schaffter

Glinda Hunnicutt, Gina Addington, Tonya Dickason and Kami Brickley enjoy one of the many dances sponsored during the year.



Adjusting to high school can be difficult, but Shari Speheger finds that weekend dances are a welcome change from the junior high.

Patty Dillman, Marion Schnerre, Tina Poorman, Michelle DeWitt, Glinda Hunnicutt, Ashley Flowers and Kurt Sundling swarm the kitchen in anticipation of pizza, a universally favorite food.



Patty Dillman
Kim Dillon
Karlene Eymmer
Chuck Fear
Ashley Flowers
Teresa Flowers



Sherri Fogle
Mark Foreman
Rhonda Foster
Jeff Frauhiger
Tami Frauhiger
Shawn Frus



Rick Gardenour
Matt Garrett
Kerry Gents
Max Gephart
Barbara Gilbert
Harry Grady



Tonia Hammock
Tami Hartman
Andy Hazelton
Robert Heckman
Ann Hickey
Mike Howell



Sheri Huffman
Rita Hultz
Brenda Hunnicutt
Glinda Hunnicutt
Jill Isch
J.R. Jones



Shane Kemper
Tim Kernstein
Jeff Kiser
Mak Knowles
John Korte
Gina Lewis





Anne Link
Brent Lockwood
Dave McArdle
Jay Miller
Shawn Miller
Matt Mittlestedt



Kim Mulkey
Mike Murray
Jackie Myers
Patty Nally
Scott Newell
Kurt Noble



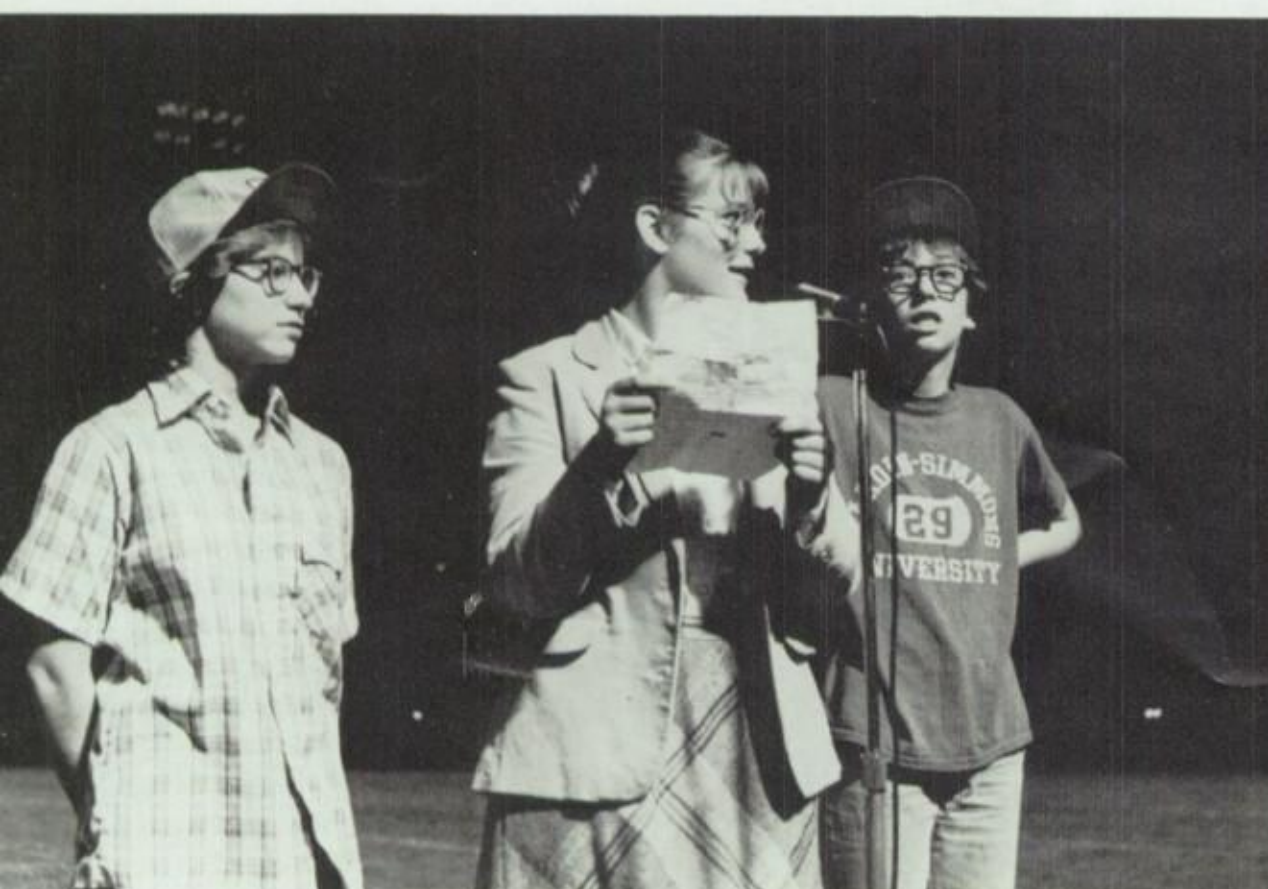
Brian Oliver
Scott Osborn
Tina Pace
Jeff Patterson
Karla Perkins
Jo Perry



Mary Petzel
Jill Phillabaum
Greg Pietz
Rodney Pike
Gay Poindexter
Kim Poling



Tina Poorman
Les Powell
Sylvia Quinones
Chanda Reeves
Jeff Reiff
Kent Reinhard



Most freshmen use fish for dissection in biology, but Jill Phillabaum thinks they make a tasty snack.

Tina Bowen, Kristi Blair and Shawna Brinson start off the Fall Festival skits by portraying community newcomers who compare BHS to Norwell.

Marion Schnerre
Todd Shalley
Richard Shane
Travis Shane
Ken Short



Richie Sills
Karen Skurner
Jeff Smith
Jodi Snider
Mike Snider



Shari Speheger
Patti Sprunger
Scott Stanley
Vivian Steffen
Kurt Sundling



Freshmen Adapt To BHS Routine



Although it is against school rules, Sheri Huffman prefers the silence and comfort of the commons area to the cafeteria during lunch.

Cheerleaders must have spirit and Barbara Gilbert demonstrates hers by dressing up for punk day.





Scott Turmail
Jim Walburn
Jeff Weaver
Cheryl Wedding
Angela West

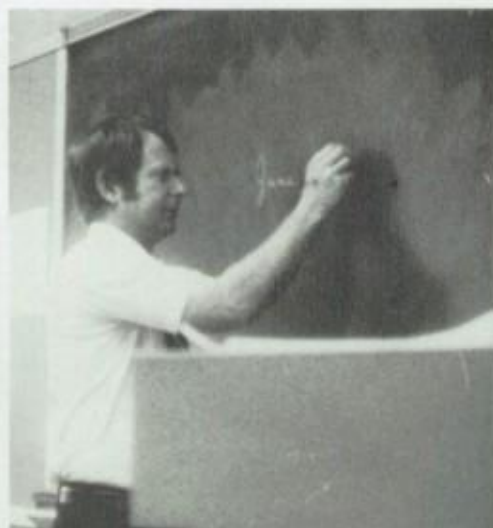


Steve Whitesell
Kenny Williams
Darren Wilson
Heidi Wolfe
Ed Zello



As new students in the school, freshmen encountered many hardships throughout the year. Shawn Miller displays evidence of a painful freshman experience.

Lisa Carnall and Karlene Eymer persuade Andy Hazelton to support the Y-teens by buying a candy bar.



Louise Ashby: Special Education.

Donna Ballinger: Art.

Ken Ballinger: Advanced Biology, Freshman Basketball, Varsity Baseball.

Rex Bowser: Health, U.S. History, Varsity Football.

Ralph Broman: Algebra, Senior Math, Physics, National Honor Society.

Jim Brown: Accounting, Typing, Business Law, Varsity Golf.

Ron DeWitt: Recordkeeping, Consumer Math, Varsity Girls' Basketball, Girls' Tennis.

Eugene Edington: Graphic Arts, Drafting, General Science.

Judy Emshwiller: Typing, ICE, Cheerleaders, Y-Teens.

Valarie Ennis: Vocal Music, Swing Era.

Steve Fischer: U.S. History, Government, Economics, Psychology.

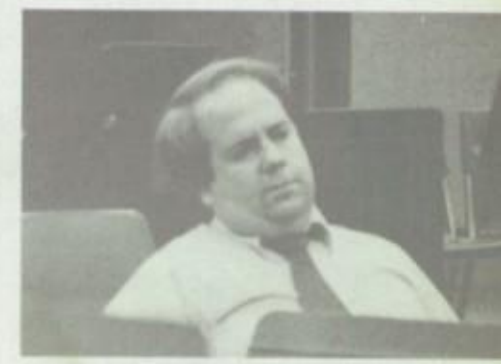
Jerry Flueckiger: English, Reserve Wrestling, Reserve Baseball.

Cathy Fritts: Home Economics, FHA.

Tony Garton: Physical Education, Reserve Basketball, Drivers' Education.

Liz Gerend: Home Economics, Y-Teens.

Faculty



Stan Gilbert: English, U.S. History, Intramurals.
Theresa Goetz: Special Education.
Valerie Goodspeed: Intensive Lab, Office Machines, Typing, OEA.
Jim Grant: Metals.
Ron Gremaux: General Math, Algebra, Assistant Football, Varsity Wrestling.
Ofella Hernandez: Art, Dabblers.

Bob Kaylor: Geometry, Algebra, Computers, Computer Club.
Mike Kraelum: Government, U.S. History.
Billy Krelgh: English, Developmental Reading.
Dennis Kummer: Accounting, Typing, General Business.
George Moore: Woods, Industrial Arts, Drafting, Intramurals, Freshman Football.

Denise Norman: English, Speech/Theater, Forensics/Auditorium.
Brad Roberts: Instrumental Music, Ensembles.
Tom Schwartz: German, English, German Club.
Sheldon Shalley: Spanish, Spanish Club.
Cathy Sonner: Librarian.

Faculty

Guidance counselors Ken Ballinger, Janet Baker and Jack Cross contribute time and knowledge to guide students in school and personal problems.

Assistant director Dave Stroop and Ball State student teacher Scott Spradling discuss the value of private music lessons for band students.



Floyd Soper: Chemistry, General Science, Physical Science, Student Council.
John Stroup: Health, Varsity Basketball.
Hilda Studebaker: English.

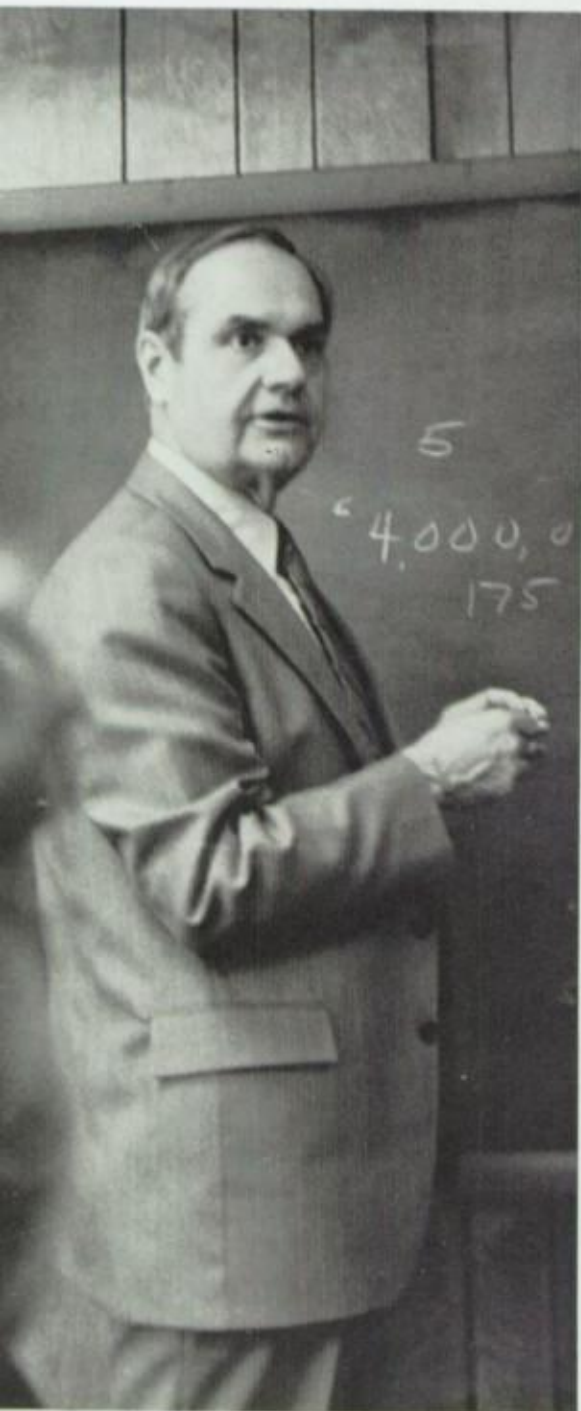
Keith Vardaman: Woods, Industrial Arts.
Steve Wagner: Biology, Psychology, Assistant Football.
Diane Wright: Publications, Physical Education, Comet, Retrospect, Varsity Volleyball.

The Athletic Director has many responsibilities such as getting security for all games, supervising sale and distribution of tickets and attending as many extracurricular events as possible. Jack Cross does this plus much more.



Principal Thomas Byanski and Vice Principal Gary Oxenrider discuss the pros and cons of reinstituting homerooms back into the daily schedule.

Visiting the classrooms is one of Dr. Byanski's duties, but he is found most often in the home ec. kitchen taste-testing the final products.



Superintendent Milo Eiche explains the school's budget to cadet teachers visiting his office.

SCHOOL BOARD. Dr. William Gitlan, Darlene Garrett, Don McArdle, Ray Shaw and Don Athan.

Leaders Face Tough Issues

The school board and school administration made decisions that affected students, faculty and other employees at BHS.

A major concern for the administration and school board was declining enrollment figures and the resulting need for the reduction of faculty. In the last four years, the enrollment of the high school has decreased by 100 students. Because of this, two teachers were dismissed.

Principal Thomas Byanski received his doctorate while keeping up with his responsibilities as principal. Vice Principal Gary Oxenrider was an active participant in student activities and also handled all discipline and attendance problems.

Newly elected members of the school board were Dr. William Gitlan, a previous member, and Mr. Ray Shaw.

— Peg Curran



Fighting Fires And Facing Students All In A Fischer Day's Work

When Mr. Steve Fischer is not teaching a class you can usually find him carrying out one of his many duties as Fire Chief.

Mr. Fischer was elected to the position in October by members of the fire service, the ex-Fire Chief and members elect. As Fire Chief, he is in charge of policy, administration, planning, training and law enforcement, not to mention supervising fires. "The job is not really the fire," Mr.

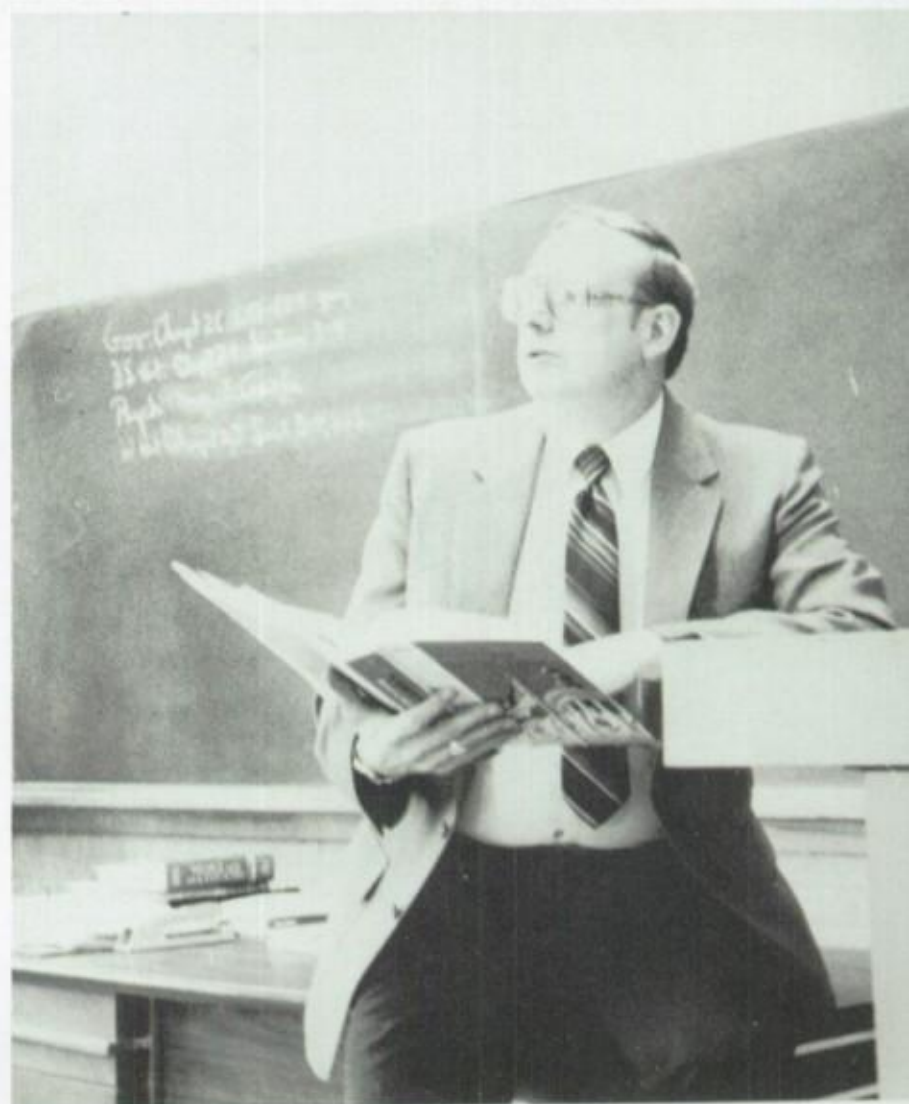
Fischer commented, "it is before and after the fire."

In addition to teaching, he works one hour a day plus action time on weekends and whenever needed. In the summer he averages 25-30 hours per week, not including calls.

"It is a very broad job," observed Mr. Fischer, "but someone has to take the responsibility."

— Sandi Hughes

Mr. Fischer carries a full load of classes; but with his beeper, he is always prepared for an emergency.



Fischer relays instructions as the Department frantically combats Carnall Building fire.

Focus On Faculty



When the weather conditions are not able for flying, Mr. Broman takes time to make repairs on his plane.

Checking the instrument panel, Mr. Broman makes sure that everything is in order for his next flight.

Broman Takes To The Sky

"A feeling of freedom," stated Mr. Ralph Broman is what makes flying, his favorite pastime, enjoyable. A math and physics teacher at BHS for over 30 years, Mr. Broman is also a pilot. He can get in his plane at Miller Airport and within hours be at the doorstep of his relatives in North Carolina or Virginia. It took almost one and one half years for Mr. Broman to

get his license; and now that he has it, he tries to fly at least once a week. He likes to fly alone, but also enjoys having his friends accompany him in separate planes.

Mr. Broman was stricken with polio many years ago, but this does not stop him, whether he is teaching or flying.

— Carla Strong



Schwartz Solos In "The Messiah"

German teacher Tom Schwartz has established a reputation as a fine singer in Bluffton and the surrounding areas.

As some students may be aware, he is an active member of the Wells County Creative Arts Council, performing solos in the Wells County Concert for the past three years. He also travels to surrounding counties, appearing at the Marion Theatre as well as in Fort Wayne.

In February, Mr. Schwartz traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan to perform a solo in "Seven Last Words." He also landed the part of tenor soloist in the "Messiah" in December. He won both parts by sending tapes to the directors. He secured the part ten times before but never in

such a large group or in such a large city as Kalamazoo.

— Carla Strong



Mr. Schwartz keeps an eye on the activities while enjoying his meal at the German/Spanish Club Christmas Party.

Well-known for his vocal abilities, Mr. Schwartz makes a local appearance at the Collinswood Estate.

Teachers' aid Sharon McAfee helps students find research materials in the library before heading to second floor to supervise the studyhall.

Cashiers Sonia Hook and Sue Dedrick open up shop as they get ready to collect money from students and faculty during lunch.



School Operations Rely On Invaluable Assistance

Although the cooks, janitors and secretaries often seemed to blend into the woodwork, they were the ones who kept things running smoothly. As one faculty member stated, "If you want something done right and without a hassel, you bypass the administration and ask a janitor or secretary."

The cooks and cafeteria workers had adjustments to make with the addition of the well-received salad bar, the reappearance of the shake machine and the restructuring and rerouting of the lunch line.

Janitors were kept on their toes with the arrival of the controversial beeper system. In addition to their daily chores, janitors found time to install new clocks in the old section of the building. Unexpected repairs, such as that required for the

smashed backboard, were taken in stride. Janitors also helped students prepare for extra-curricular events, including all theatre productions and the prom.

Secretaries found their job descriptions expanded and their services indispensable. Marily Gerber kept files and accounts in order and expanded her skills by learning to use the school's computers. Helen Jaskie ran the guidance office smoothly despite all the schedule changes and athletic communications that were required for Mr. Cross. If attendance was the problem, Phebe Edington was the one to see. In addition to keeping a tight reign on tardy students, Mrs. Edington handled all daily announcements.

— Peggy Curran



SECRETARIES. Helen Jaskie, Marilyn Gerber and Phebe Edington.

COOKS. Ruth Luginbil, Leone Nutter, Lucille Levy, Rose Scott and Georgiana Arnold.



JANITORS. **SEATED:** Harry Lantz. **STANDING:** Ken Austin, John Gaskill and Paul Andrews.

Although he did not start until the middle of the school year, Mr. Harold Wheeler did not take long to get accustomed to his new job.



Despite the large amount of work that is handled in office 110, Marilyn Gerber always sports a smile.

Pizza, baked potatoes and cookies never find their way to Rita Hultz's window as she could be the school's leading authority on the least favorite foods.



Volunteers Give Aid To Faculty

To escape the boredom of studyhalls, several students helped relieve faculty members of minor duties which left them free to tackle important tasks.

Librarian helpers checked books in and out and stocked books. For the first time, they received a library grade, scoring points for stocking books and pushing in chairs among other things.

Teacher helpers graded papers and ran errands to give teachers more of a chance to prepare for class time.

Kitchen helpers served meals, cleaned up the cafeteria and washed dishes. They received \$5 per week plus free meals.

Office helpers ran errands, picked up attendance papers and delivered urgent messages to students and teachers.

— Peg Curran



LIBRARY HELPERS. FRONT ROW: Sandra Oliver, Lori Umphrey, Deb Moser, Tracy Taylor and Julie Seese. **BACK ROW:** Deb Barnell, Penny Croy, Librarian Cathy Sonner, Carla Corle, Karen Sills, Kim Miller, Cheryl Surfus and Jill Harnish.

Cafeteria helpers Karen Adams, Tina Pace, Chris McFarren and Rita Hultz earn a little extra spending money by helping the cooks during lunch.



OFFICE AND TEACHER HELPERS. FRONT ROW: Sandra Oliver, Kelly Allread, Laura Mechling, Connie Baumgartner, Lisa Bowman and Gina Addington. **MIDDLE ROW:** Shelly Meyer, Carol Walburn, Sherry Brickey, Kelly Brickley and Vicki Christianson. **BACK ROW:** Sandy Hunnicutt, Thea Barnes, Deb Brown, Donna Brown and Mike Deam.



ORGANIZATIONS



Phil Moser interrupts **Comet** Editor-in-Chief Shari Stauffer to tell one of his ridiculous jokes.

While sightseeing during their summer trip to Mexico from July 15-22, Mark Patterson, Brad Pike, Rick Miller and Angie Renner pose in front of the Maximillion and Carlotta castle in Mexico City.

After an authentic Mexican meal, Heather Jackson and Angie Renner pose with one of the waiters of the Comerciales, a unique restaurant in Mexico City



German Club member Rob Karas hopes to find German chocolate inside the Spanish pinata at the combined Spanish/German Club Christmas party held at the Presbyterian Church.



GERMAN CLUB. FRONT ROW: Cheryl Honegger, Mr. Tom Schwartz and Mary McArdle. **SECOND ROW:** Shane Kemper, Rob Karas, Daphne Braner, Heather Pitts, Sandi Hughes, Jim Streater, Beth Meyer, Andy Hazelton and Brian Curry. **THIRD ROW:** Kelly Brickley, Liesl Bayouth, Judy Shaw, Jill Biberstein, Beth Lohmuller, Jo Perry, Mary Petzel and Jill Phillabaum. **FOURTH ROW:** Kim Dillon, Scot Chandler, Daphne Willett, Carol Schnerre, Tanya Isch, Cammy Steffen, Angela Grusd, Mitch Steffen, Lisa Garrett, Gerry Riveros, Peter Hazelton, Charles Grady and Corby Blem. **BACK ROW:** Clay Taylor, David Butler, David Sundling, Chuck Fear, Brian Falk, Jim Hiester, Tom Link and Matthew Reeb.



Traditions Shared At Yule Celebration

The two foreign language clubs joined together on Dec. 9 at the Presbyterian Church to share German and Spanish customs, traditions, and food in a Christmas celebration.

In October, the two clubs held separate celebrations. The German Club held an Oktoberfest on Oct. 12 at Quabache State Park as 30 members shared a night of food and fun along with the initiation of all new members. The Spanish Club also held their "Fiesta" at the State Park which featured Liesl Bayouth speaking on her life in Puerto Rico.

Fourteen members of the Spanish Club took a special trip to Mexico on July 15-22 to take a first hand look at life south of the border. These students visited all the sights in Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco.

Mr. Sheldon Shalley was the sponsor of the Spanish Club while Mr. Tom Schwartz sponsored the German Club. The sponsors were helped by the officers in each club to plan meetings and activities like the outdoor get togethers planned by each club in the spring.

The Spanish Club officers were Julie Seese, President; Steve Fether, Vice-President; Natalie Hay, Secretary; and Vicki Christianson; Treasurer. In the German Club, Mary McArdle was President and Cheryl Honegger was Secretary-Treasurer.

— Fred Ilnicki

Shawna Brinson and Kim Miller demonstrate how to bob for apples at the Spanish Club Fiesta as Michelle Brown and Karla Perkins look on.



SPANISH CLUB. FRONT ROW: Shawna Brinson, Gay Poindexter, Becky Masterson, Andrea Miller, Vicki Christianson, Julie Seese, Natalie Hay and Steve Fether. **SECOND ROW:** Jené Pond, Angie Renner, Heather Jackson, Tom Steffen and Carol Strunk. **THIRD ROW:** Rodney Pike, Liesl Bayouth, Tina Frus, Ann Hickey, Sylvia Quinones, Kim Miller, Kevin Walburn, Scott Longenberger and Mike Deam. **FOURTH ROW:** Regan Kreigh, Lenny Braner, Jim Korte, Jim Royal, Lisa Blair, Lisa Shannon, Marlayne Hirzel, Teresa Moore and Dawn Gatke. **FIFTH ROW:** Beth Lindsay, Andrea Mock, Garrett Wietholter, Gerry Riveros, Kim Brown and Sue King. **BACK ROW:** Mr. Sheldon Shalley, Kevin Gerber, Chris Honegger, Michelle Brown, Mike Blair, Karla Perkins, Lana Man, Kami Brickley, Dan Williams, Mark Patterson, John Emshwiller, Rick Miller, Eric Satterfield, Teresa Bardsley and Blake Poindexter.



OFFICE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. **FRONT ROW:** President Carol Walburn, Vice president Camille Brewer, Lisa Bowman, Secretary Connie Baumgartner, Treasurer Vicki Christianson and Mrs. Valerie Goodspeed. **SECOND ROW:** Peggy Pfister, Sheri Huffman, Stacey Speheger, Andrea Miller, Kim Miller, Sherri Fogle and Tina Thompson. **THIRD ROW:** Lila Brinneman, Beth Lindsay, Lisa Ramseyer, Tracie Harris, Jené Pond, Andrea Mock and Lisa Wheeler. **BACK ROW:** Mr. Jim Brown, Dennis Osborn, Jayne Sands, Sandra Oliver, Sue Pagin, Kim Brown, Lana Oman, Kim Neidlinger and Tina Frus.



At the district contest at Mississinewa High School, Carol Walburn receives a fourth place award for her performance in the job interview II category.

Lisa Bowman fulfills part of her duties as district vice president by announcing and presenting awards to the winners at the district contest.



Jim Brown receives her trophy and certificate from former district vice president Tracy Lamb for her fourth place finish in job interview I.

Future Homemaker officers Lisa Shannon and Marlayne Hirzel take orders during lunch for the American Cancer Society's daffodil sale.



Mr. Steve Wagner proudly displays his "Turkey Teacher '82" t-shirt which he won by student and faculty donations. Proceeds went to a needy family.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA. FRONT ROW: Vice president Lisa Shannon, Secretary Tina Rhoades, Mrs. Kathy Fritts and President Marlayne Hirzel. **SECOND ROW:** Carol Strunk, Lori Sallach, Cris Lutz, Tammy Perry, Recreational Director Jayne Sands, Treasurer Cindy Ridge and Lila Brineman. **BACK ROW:** Angie Renner, Heather Jackson, Gina Cully, Wendy Sallach and Kim Neidlinger.



Community Benefits From Services

Future Homemakers of America and the Office Education Association had a prosperous year as the organizations helped both the community and school. The FHA held a daffodil sale which raised money for the American Cancer Society. The annual "Turkey Teacher" contest which raised \$30.89 for a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family was also held. Mr. Wagner won the prestigious award with a grand total of \$17.60 donated in his name. This honor gave Mr. Wagner the right to wear his official "Turkey

Teacher" t-shirt presented to him by the FHA sponsor, Mrs. Fritts.

OEA members kept busy collecting money at football games and intramurals as well as running the hat and coat check at basketball games. In October, Mr. Brown and District VI Coordinator Mrs. Goodspeed traveled with OEA students to North Central High School in Indianapolis for an OEA workshop. Lisa Bowman, OEA district vice-president, delivered a speech during the opening of the workshop. Also in October was the dis-

trict skating party which was open to members in District VI.

The lack of snow in December did not hinder spirited OEA members as Christmas was celebrated at Andrea Miller's house. March rolled around and OEA members had to prepare for the state contest. The annual OEA banquet was held at Pizza Hut in which candidates for next year's officers presented campaign speeches before the election was held.

— Fred Ilnicki

Kim Miller, Sandra Oliver, Kim Brown and Karen Sills enjoy refreshments and conversation at the Y-teen Mother/Daughter/Ideal Lady Tea held in the spring.

Although Mike Murray won the hearts of the most girls to become the heart-throb of BHS, Penny Croy and Sandi Hughes lost their hearts to Steve Hoffer.



Y-TEENS. FRONT ROW: Sponsor Elizabeth Gerend, Treasurer Cheryl Honegger, Secretary Julie Seese, Vice President Marybeth Parsons and President Angie George. **SECOND ROW:** Kris Morris, Sandra Oliver, Penny Croy, Dawn Perry, Dawn Betz, Mary Steffen, Stacey Speheger, Tanya Isch, Dawn Gatke, Sherry Brickey, Sanja Shane, Debbie Brown, Beth Lohmuller, Teresa Moore, Pam Murphy, Mary McArdle, Natalie Hay, Dee Dee Dillon and Lora Mechling-Ault. **THIRD ROW:** Cheryl Schorey, Lana Oman, Angela Grusd, Sue King, Lisa Garrett, Karen Sills, Lisa Bowman, Dianna Flowers, Michelle Meyer, Vicki Christianson, Andrea Miller, Kim Miller, Angie Renner, Kris Gerber, Heather Jackson, Deb Baumgartner, Kelly Brickley, Lori Umphrey, Daphne Willett, Jayne Sands, Tina Rhoades and Judy Shaw. **FOURTH ROW:** Kim Brown, Sandy Hunnicutt, Michaela Perry, Lisa Wheeler, Kristy VanZant, Carol Strunk, Regan Kreigh, Daphne Steury, Thea Barnes, Beth Lindsay, Heather Pitts, Julie Gilbert, Gina Cully, Kelly Allread, Cindy Szott, Lori Mann, Andrea Mock and Tammy Perry. **FIFTH ROW:** Jodi Foreman, Teresa Bardsley, Sue Pagin, Peggy Pfister, Monica Milholland, Tina Frus, Carol Schnerre, Anne Link, Kim Dillon, Jill Phillabaum, Susan Carr, Barbara Gilbert, Tina Bowen, Gay Poindexter, Shawna Brinson, Patty Dillman and Tonya Dickason. **SIXTH ROW:** Liesl Bayouth, Jane Noe, Jené Pond, Cheryl Surfus, Lacey Knowles, Becky Masterson, Shawn Burke, Beth Meyer, Daphne Braner, Marlayne Hirzel, Lisa Shannon, Wendy Sallach, Carla Strong, Leah Huvendick and Sandi Hughes. **SEVENTH ROW:** Tami Frauhiger, Sharon Carr, Patti Sprunger, Kristi Blair, Sylvia Quinones, Brenda Cochran, Chris Barton, Julie Miller, Peg Curran and Jolene VanOver. **BACK ROW:** Mary Petzel, Karlene Eymmer, Lisa Carnall, Jo Perry, Glinda Hunnicutt, Shari Speheger, Ashley Flowers, Michelle DeWitt, Heidi Wolfe and Tina Poorman.



Dedicated Y-teen members Beth Lohmuller, Tina Poorman and Andrea Miller create scenes of P in the cafeteria for the annual Y-teen Banquet.

Shman Gay Poindexter prepares to satisfy many
 city customers while working in the Y-teen
 concession stand during a basketball game.



Y-teens, Dabblers Spread Christmas Cheer To Many

Two long-standing organizations, Y-teens and Dabblers Club, enjoyed many activities during the year.

Y-teen officers and sponsor Liz Gerend held a meeting in late summer to start planning the year's activities. To start off the year, many Y-teen members and their dates spent "An Evening in Paris," when they attended the annual Y-teen Banquet in November. During the evening, new members were initiated into the organization.

At Christmas time, several Y-teen members donated their time to sponsor a needy family. Clothes, toys and food were bought out of Y-teen funds and given to the family to help brighten their Christmas.

The suspense was finally broken when the Mother-Daughter Tea was held, and many Ideal Ladies found out the identity of their Y-teen girl. Titled "Spring Tea

'83" the evening consisted of entertainment, refreshments and the annual ceremonies to initiate the new officers. A picnic, held in May, closed out the year.

Sponsored by Ofelia Hernandez, the Dabblers Club started off the year by holding a meeting to elect officers and discuss possible activities. The first major activity completed was a bus trip to Toledo, Ohio to tour an art museum and view the El Greco exhibit.

The club once again brought some Christmas spirit to BHS by painting Christmas scenes on windows throughout the building. This year, they also spread some Christmas cheer to the Cooper Community Care Center by making ornaments and taking them to the home for the elderly residents to enjoy.

— Kris Gerber



DABBLERS CLUB. FRONT ROW: Secretary-Treasurer Dee Dee Dillon, Jane Noe, Cindy Szott, President Sanja Shane and Lisa Ramseyer. **BACK ROW:** Lisa Shannon, Vice President Tanya Isch, Peggy Curran, Carla Strong, Darin Hartman, Cheryl Surfus, Marlayne Hirzel and Mrs. Ofelia Hernandez.

Dabblers members Dee Dee Dillon and Mark Boxell, along with art student Anna Eller, give some holiday spirit to BHS by painting Christmas scenes on windows.

An avid classical music fan, junior Tom Link chooses a selection for a club meeting.



Sophomore Andrea Mock shows her acting ability while practicing for a speech meet. Andrea was the only Bluffton member who advanced to regional.

Special Groups Stimulate Interest In Fine Arts

Keeping busy and changing the elements was the name of the game for T.O.T.O., the Speech Team and the Classical Music Club this year. These three organizations contributed a fair amount of color to the school's calendar of events.

It all began on a sunny October afternoon when the revolution took place. What revolution? The non-violent act that put the Thespian Outreach Theatre Organization (T.O.T.O.) in total control of the BHS Drama Department. Sponsored by Miss Denise Norman, T.O.T.O.'s goal was to let students know that the theatre was not limited to actors only. Not only was T.O.T.O. successful in educating folks in the theatre, it also supplied some of its members to the school's two major theatre productions: "The Sound of Music" and "Harvey." Some members of this Thespian troupe entertained at the State Farm Bureau during the Christmas season with a Chamber Theatre production of "The Gift of the Magi." To wrap up the year's festivities, T.O.T.O. and the Speech Team held a banquet at Bandito's

on May 12.

Coached by Miss Norman, the Speech Team, better known as the Talking Tigers, was the cause of much chat among its members. In order to finance themselves, the Talking Tigers sold refreshments at major BHS theatre productions. But the Talking Tigers were mainly busy with what they do best, talking. After bringing home ribbons from various speech meets, the Talking Tigers closed their regular season with their annual Sectional Banquet to raise morale among teammates for the upcoming sectionals. At sectional, Andrea Mock advanced to the regional competition with Thompson going as an alternate.

One area that cannot be overlooked is the Classical Music Club. Sponsored by Mr. Tom Schwartz, members Clay Taylor, Tom Link and Scot Chandler put upon themselves to support the area in classical music at BHS. The favorite activity at club meetings was listening to classical music and discussing composers.

— Phil Moser



T.O.T.O. **FRONT ROW:** June Higgins, Phil Moser, Angie George and Corby Blem. **SECOND ROW:** Thompson, Debbie Barnell, Lisa Bowman, Sandi Hughes, Jo Perry, Sylvia Quinones, Carol Strickland, Marlayne Hirzel and Lisa Shannon. **THIRD ROW:** Penny Croy, Lori Smith, Andrea Mock, Beth Lind, Dawn Betz, Gina Cully, Anne Link, Liesl Bayouth, Dawn Gatke, Beth Lohmuller, Lisa Blair and Scott Huffman. **FOURTH ROW:** Beth Trubey, Julie Gilbert, Camille Brewer, Kim Dillon, Bob White, Judy Smith, Daphne Willett, Regan Kreigh, Jim Royal, Tina Rhoades, Scott Carr, Jayne Sands, Angie Renner and David Sundling. **BACK ROW:** Steve Fether, Jim Hiester, Tom Link, Miss Denise Norman, Peter Hazelton, Mark Wright and Terry Vice.



SPEECH TEAM. SEATED: Phil Moser, Jo Perry, Scott Carr, Sylvia Quinones and Carol Strunk. **STANDING:** Judy Shaw, David Sundling, Mike Wright, Andrea Mock, Jim Hiester, Gina Cully, Clay Taylor, Jayne Sands, Scot Chandler, Beth Lindsay, Dawn Gatke, Miss Denise Norman and Tina Thompson.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB. Sponsor Tom Schwartz, Tom Link, Scot Chandler and Clay Taylor.



Beth Lindsay finds it difficult to watch the outcome of a fight between fellow T.O.T.O. members Scott Carr and Phil Moser during their performance at Street Fair.



Tina Rhoades, Troy Chaffee, Scott Carr and Camille Brewer sign a pillowcase to be given to Miss Wright as Carla Strong and Jane Noe wait their turn.



Sandi Hughes, who joined the Publications Staff in January, takes her turn at passing out **Comets** to the anxious sixth period classes.

Pub Staff Keeps Things "Hopping" in Room 216

What sort of recipe makes a good Publications Staff? Try eighteen sophomores, juniors and seniors, a heaping helping of hard work, a large amount of patience and a whole lot of craziness. All of these ingredients mixed together gave BHS fifteen issues of the **Comet** and the 58th volume of the **Retro-spect**.

Choosing the Playboy bunny symbol as the supporting image of its motto, "We Cover the Bare Facts," the Pub Staff had nothing to hide by way of creativity. To help the class reach its goals was the duty of Advisor Diane Wright, **Retro** Editor Tanya Isch and **Comet** Editor-in-Chief Shari Stauffer. Production was a team effort, however, as all staff members put in long hours in room 216.

The photography staff made the hours bearable by transforming the darkroom into a place of complete insanity that they preferred to call "The Funny Farm." "The Funny Farm" was known for its decorations for every holi-

day known to man, plus some objects never seen or touched before by humans. Somehow, out of all this, came the photos that brought the pages of the **Comet** and **Retro-spect** to life.

The **Comet** took on a new look as it appeared in magazine form. A new cartoon, "Wendell", contributed humor to the pages while the "Tiger Top Ten", a collection of students' favorite songs, made its debut. "Through the Eyes of the Tiger" was the chosen theme of the **Retro-spect**, in which more color pages were added.

Fund raising began earlier in the year with the selling of computer "ideal mate" lists and in March was the annual Pub dance, "Toga II." Area merchants contributed over \$600 worth of prizes that were awarded at the dance.

After the dust had cleared, the staff's hard work paid off as 1983 was captured in words and pictures.

— Phil Moser



COMET EDITORS. Steve Hoffer (sports editor), Phil Moser (news/feature editor), Janet Schaffter (copy editor) and Shari Stauffer (editor-in-chief).

"Welcome to the Funny Farm," says it all when describing the darkroom and its occupants, photo editors Troy Chaffee, Mary Steffen and Fred Ilnicki.



RETRO editor-in-chief Tanya Isch takes a well-deserved break from work by reading the bi-weekly issue of the **Comet**.



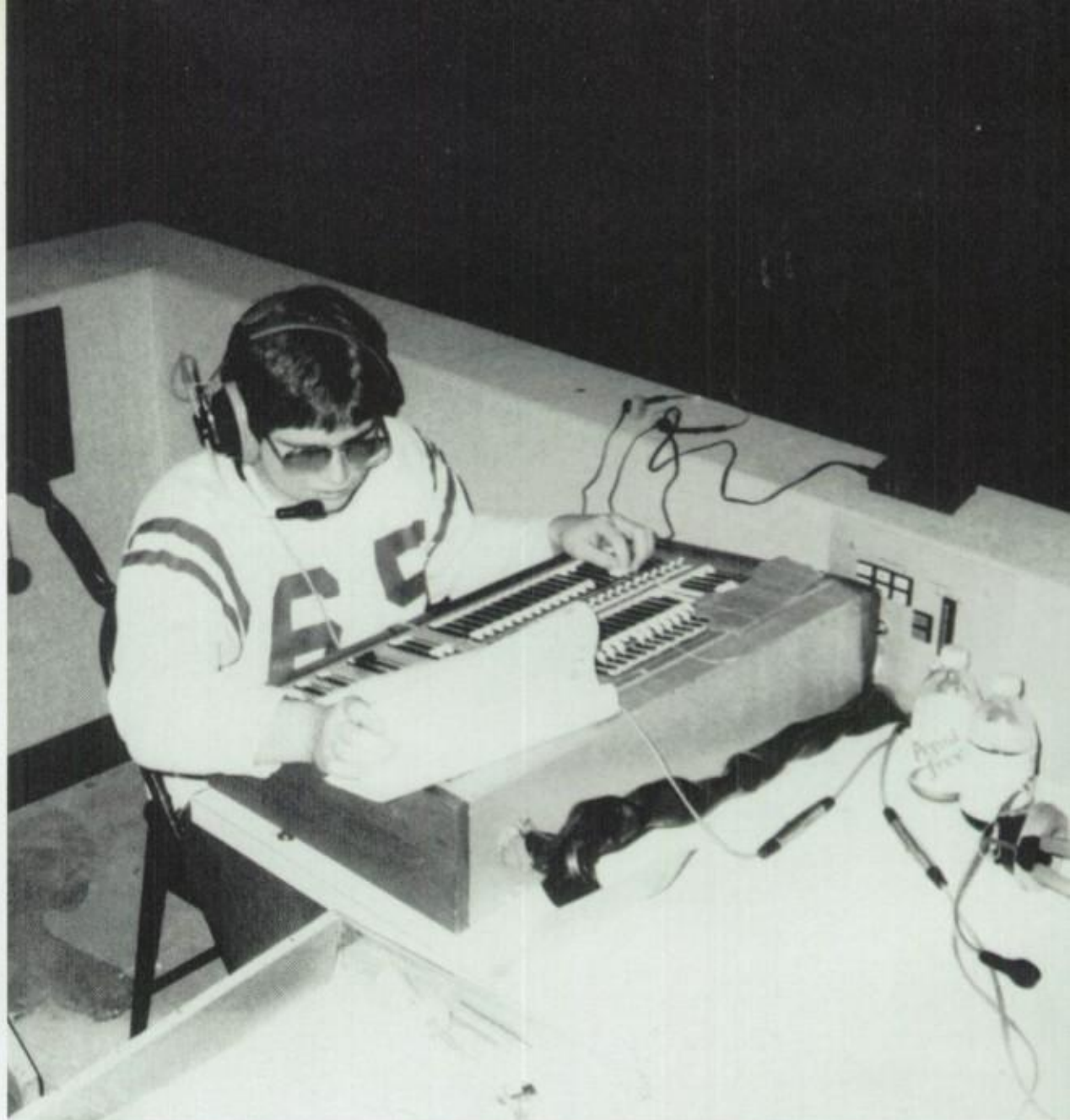
PUBLICATIONS STAFF. FRONT ROW: Penny Croy, Camille Brewer, Janet Schaffter, Rea Master-son, Shari Stauffer, Tanya Isch, Peggy Curran, Jo-lene VanOver and Kris Gerber. **BACK ROW:** Tina Rhoades, Phil Moser, Fred Ilnicki, Steve Hoffer, Advisor Diane Wright, Brad Pike, Mark Patterson, Troy Chaffee, Scott Carr and Mary Steffen.



RETRO EDITORS. FRONT ROW: Advisor Diane Wright, Scott Carr, Kris Gerber, Mark Patterson, Jane Noe and Carla Strong. **SECOND ROW:** Peg-gy Curran and Tanya Isch. **BACK ROW:** Penny Croy and Mary Steffen.

Keeping his walkman headphones close by, Blake Poindexter dons the booth headset to receive instructions for adjusting the stage lights.

From backstage, Doug Shoup waits for the rest of the stage crew to finish a set change in "Harvey" before asking for lights from the booth.



TECHNICAL CREW. FRONT ROW: Scot Chandler. **SECOND ROW:** Steve Hoffer, Dave Surfus, auditorium director Denise Norman, Leah Huvendick and Blake Poindexter. **THIRD ROW:** Phil Moser, Tom Link, Mark Mettler, Doug Shoup and Paige Hamilton.



Scot Chandler and Leah Huvendick, along with the rest of the Tech crew, hurry to change the stage for the next scene of "Harvey."

COMPUTER CLUB. **SEATED:** Heather Jackson and Angie Renner. **SECOND ROW:** David Sundling, Vice President Mitch Steffen, President Jim Streater, Troy Chaffee, Rex Morgan and Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Osborn. **BACK ROW:** Mark Magley, Kurt Byanski, Greg Hacha, Joe Leitner and Doug Swisher.



Successful Activities Reliant On Crew/Club

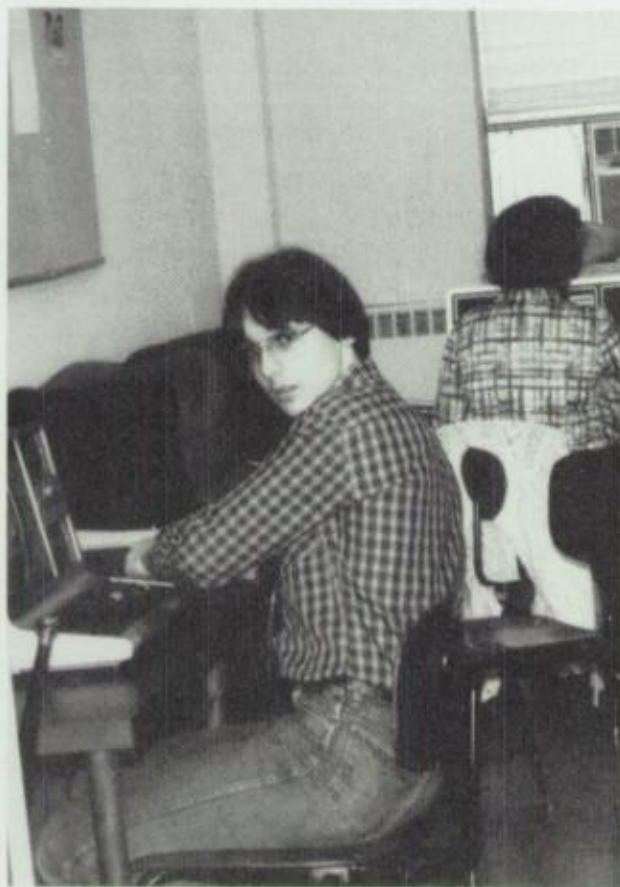
Two groups that attracted mostly male members were the Technical Crew and the Computer Club. Although they had different responsibilities they were beneficial to both the school and the community.

Behind the scenes at almost every activity held in the auditorium was the technical crew, as they ran the lights, film projectors and other equipment necessary for the productions that were held at BHS. Sponsor Denise Norman commented, "For the most part, they make my life a lot easier because they are fun and hard workers. And in their best moments, they are actually responsible."

The Computer Club was a new club this year. Under the sponsorship of Mr. Bob Kaylor, the club attracted students who did not have time during school to take the computer class. The club allowed those students to learn about computers after school.

The club hoped to collect new members in the future so that they could be of more use to the high school and help junior high students further their skills in computer programming.

— Jolene VanOver



Packed with students during the school day, the computer room clears after 2:35 p.m. and Greg Hacha finds room to play a video game.

County Schools Combine For Council Projects

Sponsored by Mr. Floyd Soper and Mr. Gary Oxenrider, the student council completed some worthwhile projects throughout the year.

Over eighty students gave a little of themselves by donating blood to the Allen-Wells Chapter of the Red Cross. In another activity, the council joined with the Southern Wells Student Council to sponsor a benefit dance for Sara Hendricks. Over \$700 was raised for the 18 month old liver transplant candidate. The council also joined with the Norwell Student Council for an exchange day. Six students each from both schools traded places for the day to attend a student council meeting and observe classes.

Possible changes in the school constitution were looked into by the Constitution Committee, which spent several weeks studying the constitution, but decided that no changes were needed at the present time.

After many years of requesting a movie convocation, students were finally given the opportunity to select a movie which was viewed on November 24. Unfortunately, the student body chose a movie that was somewhat unpopular. In other convocations, students learned about the production of natural gas and available career opportunities.

— Kris Gerber

In a convocation sponsored by the Student Council, Pepsi representative Wayne Michaels tells students about career opportunities for the future.



Junior Judy Shaw escorts Sheryl Schaefer around BHS during the Bluffton-Norwell Student Council exchange day. Judy and Sheryl were among twelve students who participated in this event.



STUDENT COUNCIL. FRONT ROW: Mark Foreman, Ashley Flowers, Gay Poindexter, Kristi Blair, Ann Link, Lisa Carnall, Travis Shane, Tim Kernstein and Jim Streater. **SECOND ROW:** Todd Shalley, Shaw Burke, Jane Noe and Carla Strong. **THIRD ROW:** Tom Steffen, Scott Longenberger, Gerry Rivero, Garrett Wietholter, Cheryl Surfus, Daphne Steury, Thea Barnes and Cheryl Schorey. **FOURTH ROW:** Brian Falk, Mike Blair, Paige Hamilton, Kim Brown, Michelle Meyer, Judy Shaw, Heather Jackson and Carol Walburn. **FIFTH ROW:** Phil Moser, Tina Rhoades, Kelly Brickley, Peter Hazelton, Vice President Angie George, Secretary Natalie Hay and Stacey Speheger. **BACK ROW:** Mr. Gary Oxenrider, Mr. McArdle, Dee Dee Dillon, Cheryl Honegger, Rick Miller, Julie Seese, John Phillabaum, Sherry Brickey, Mark Patterson, Bill Record, President Dave Surfus, Treasurer Debbie Brown and Mr. Floyd Soper.



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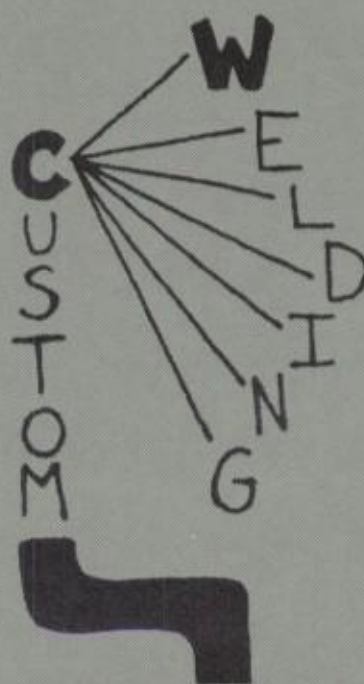
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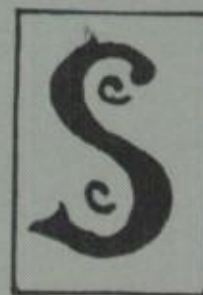
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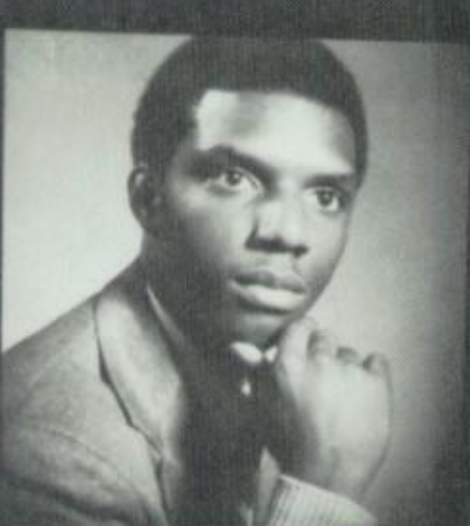
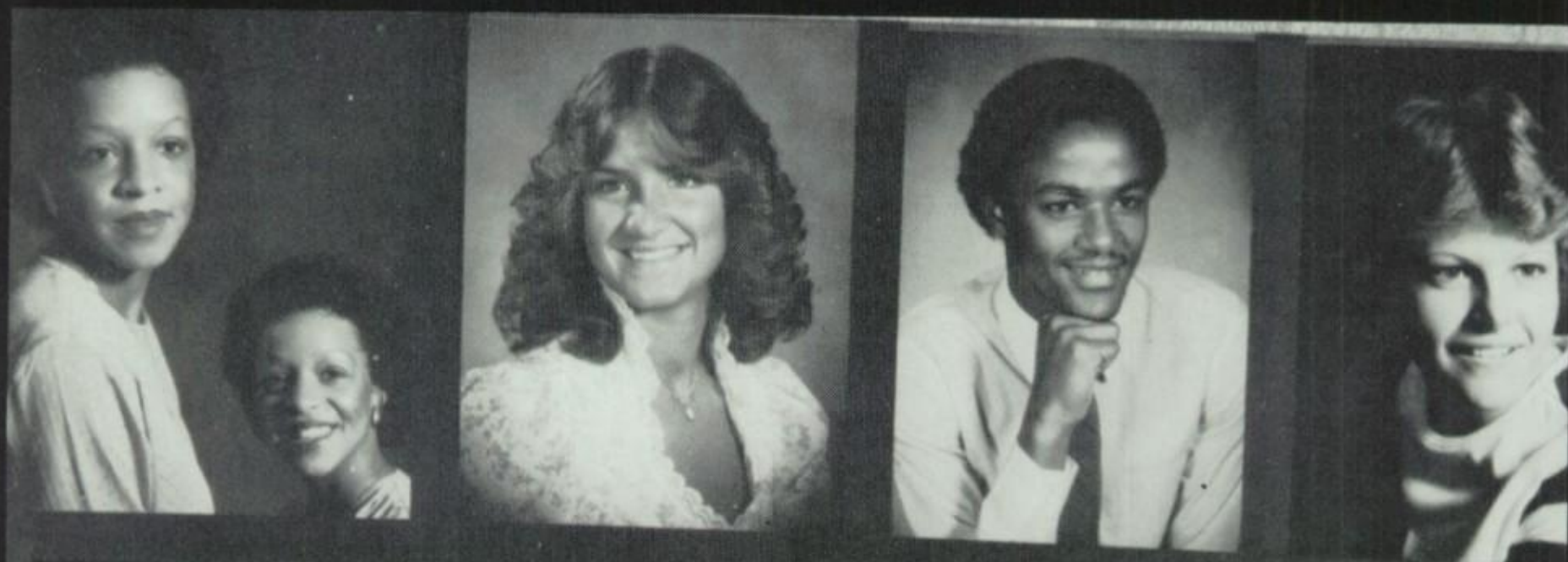


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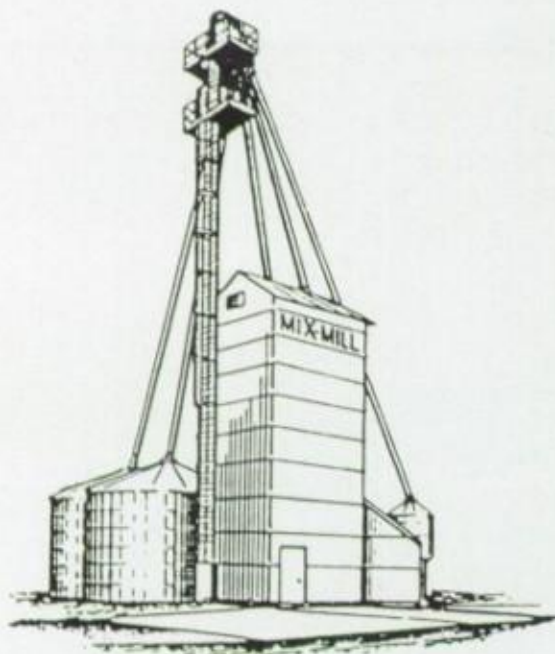
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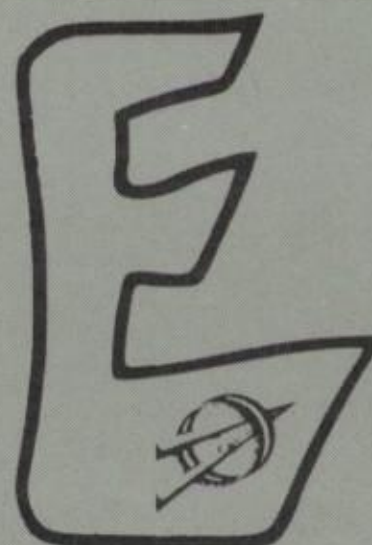
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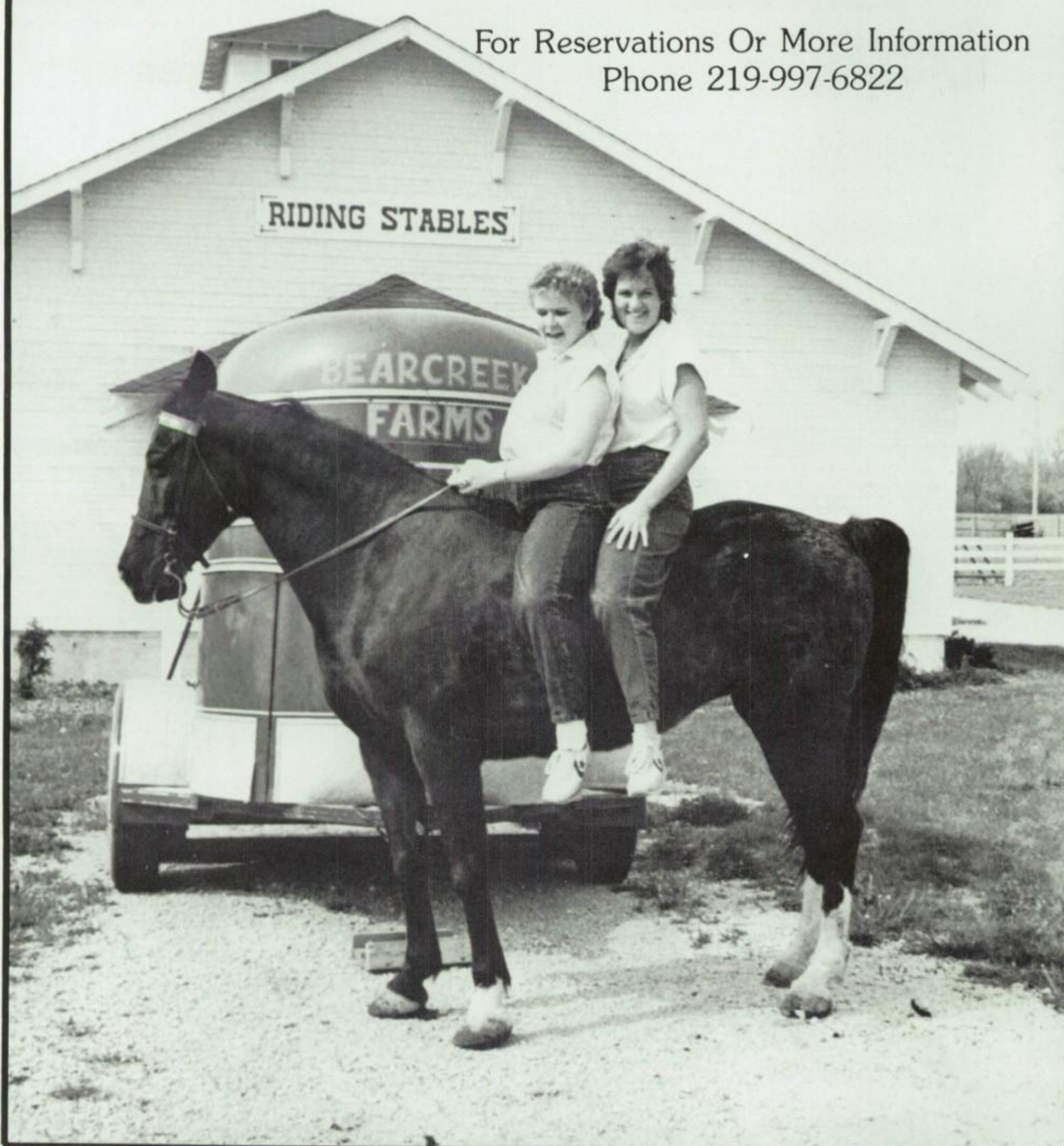
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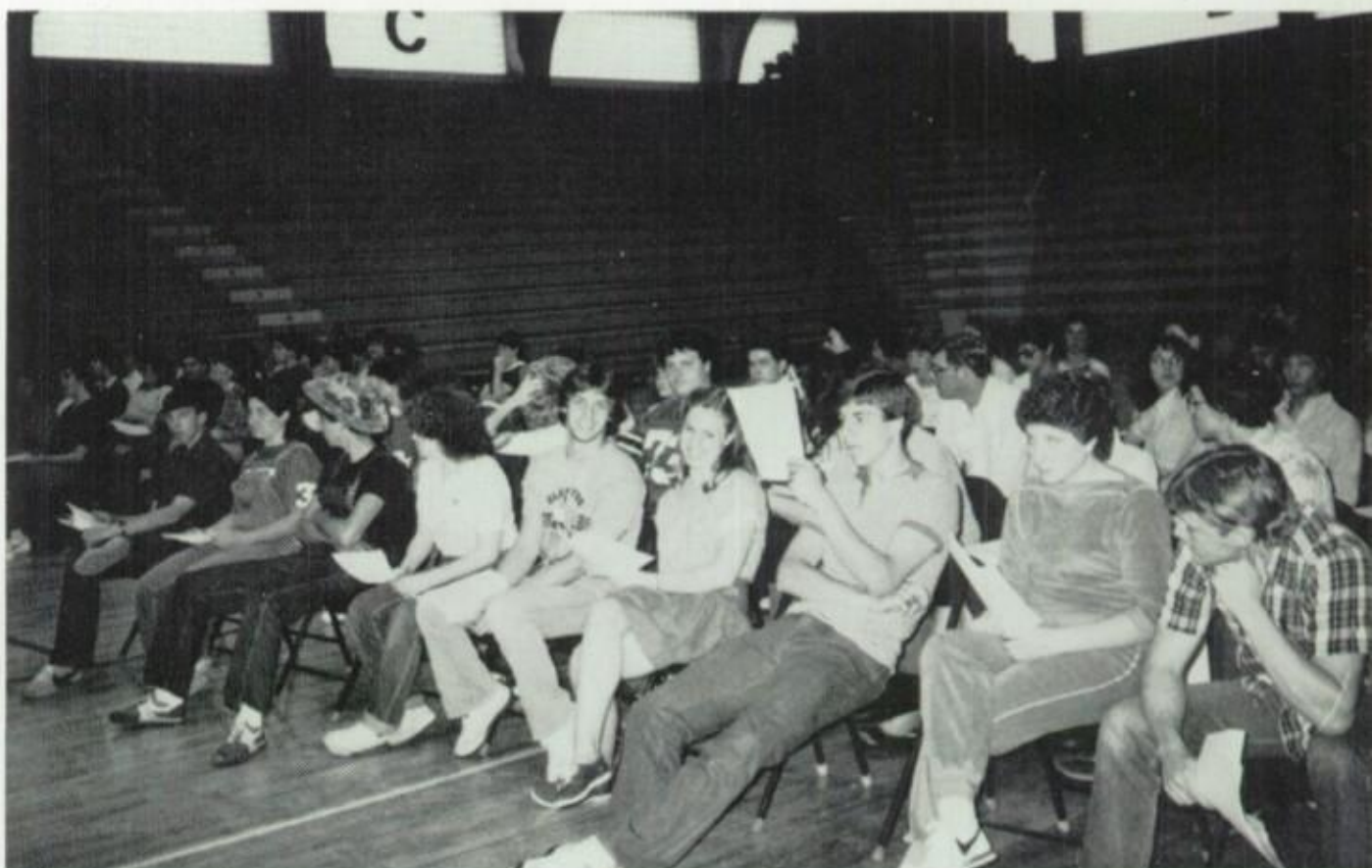
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Tiger football fans show the 21 Alive cameraman who is number one in Wells County at the homecoming match-up between Bluffton and Norwell.



Seniors prepare to work on their final assignment at BHS: practicing for commencement exercises.

Principal Thomas Byanski demonstrates his usefulness by sweeping the gym floor as the juniors decorate for the prom.



In anticipation of graduation, Adrian Sprunger measures Tracy Myers for a cap and gown.

As the school year winds down, Dave Irwin and Keith Wheeler discuss plans for summer vacation.





Students Eagerly Await End Of Year Activities

Mary Perry and Brian Liby observe that their classmates take the phrase "dump out your lockers" literally.



Kyle Wietholter anxiously checks his notes once more before taking a semester exam in government class.

The halls often seemed empty after the seniors graduated, but this hallway of busy freshmen remained crowded until the last day of school.



Crisis In Falklands, Tylenol Proves Deadly

With hectic schedules made up of high school activities, many students developed a tendency to look at life only "through the eyes of a Tiger," but there was much more to 1983 than football games, term papers and the prom. Here are a few of the things that flashed across television screens throughout the year.

June

- President Reagan travels to Western Europe for the annual economic summit, leaving behind an escalating war over the Falklands crisis between UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and Secretary

of State Al Haig.

- British troops begin a final drive to defeat Argentina, hoist the Union Jack over Stanley and proclaim that Britain once again rules the Falklands. Soon after, Argentina surrenders.
- In the Soviet Union, Yuri Andropov moves up to the Secretariat.
- Israeli attackers pound the PLO, spreading smoke from Tyre to Beirut.
- Larry Holmes successfully defends his heavyweight crown against Gerry Cooney.

July

- Secretary of State Alexander Haig resigns and is replaced by George Schultz.
- Princess Diana gives birth to Prince William Arthur Phillip Louis.
- Due to insufficient evidence, the case of Labor Secretary Ray Donovan and the Mafia is closed.
- Italy defeats West Ger-

Marty Feldman, the madcap comic with the famous bug eyes, died of a heart attack on Dec. 2. He is shown here in a scene from his last film, "Yellowbeard."



many 3-1 to win the World Cup.

- All 145 passengers of Flight 759 are killed instantly as the plane crashes into a New Orleans suburb immediately after take-off.

August

- The Irish Republican Army takes ten lives when two bombs ex-

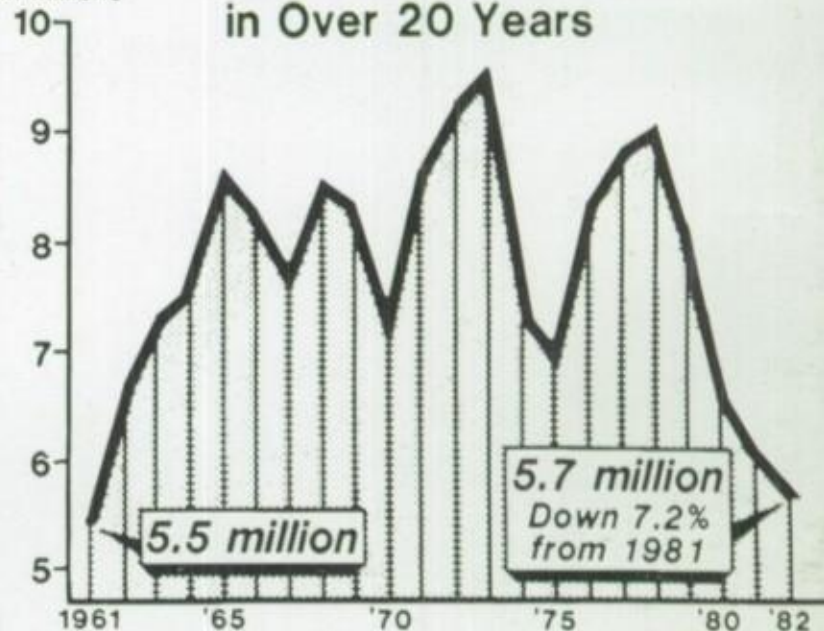
plode in London.

- Hank Aaron and Frank Robinson are inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- Henry Fonda succumbs to a heart attack at age 77.
- With its economy in shambles and its oil revenues in sharp decline, Mexico flirts with bankruptcy.
- The PLO begins to pull out of Beirut and search for refuge throughout the Arab world.

DOMESTIC CAR SALES

number of cars sold in millions

1982 Sales Lowest in Over 20 Years



...e Tylenol poisonings triggered a
...mber of similar incidents with oth-
...brands such as Anacin.

...ter seventeen years of leadership
...the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezh-
...v dies of heart failure.

Unemployment hits
9.8%.

September

U.S. Marines step ashore
at Beirut to watch over
the evacuation of the
PLO.

Lebanon's newly elected
President Bashir Gemayel
is murdered and replaced
by brother Amin Ge-
mayel.

Princess Grace of Mon-
aco, 52, dies after suffer-
ing a tragic auto accident.
Hundreds of Palestinians
are murdered in the Bei-
rut Massacre.

At least 56 passengers are
killed when a DC-10
crashes off the end of the
runway in Malaga, Spain.



- Solidarity celebrates its
second anniversary.

October

- The New York Stock Ex-
change hits an all-time

high of 147 million shares.

- Unemployment rates con-
tinue to escalate, hitting a
record 10.8%.
- Seven Chicago-area resi-
dents are killed by Extra-
Strength Tylenol tablets

laced with cyanide.

- After 69 years of contro-
versy, the International
Olympic Committee final-
ly awards Jim Thorpe his
two gold medals — 29
years after his death.
- St. Louis defeats the Mil-
waukee Brewers to win
the World Series.

November

- Yuri Andropov takes over
as head of the USSR after
Leonid Brezhnev dies of
heart failure at age 75.
- Elections produce 26 new
Democratic seats in Con-
gress, indicating possible
problems for Reagano-
mics.
- The NFL strike ends after
57 days as players try to
make up for lost time.
- The Dow Jones industrial
average soars to
1,064.49, its highest level
in history.

A NASA mobile tracking vehicle al-
lows a technician an excellent view of
the fifth launch of the space shuttle
on Nov. 11.



New Life Given To Clark, Tragic Deaths For Sara, Corning Industry

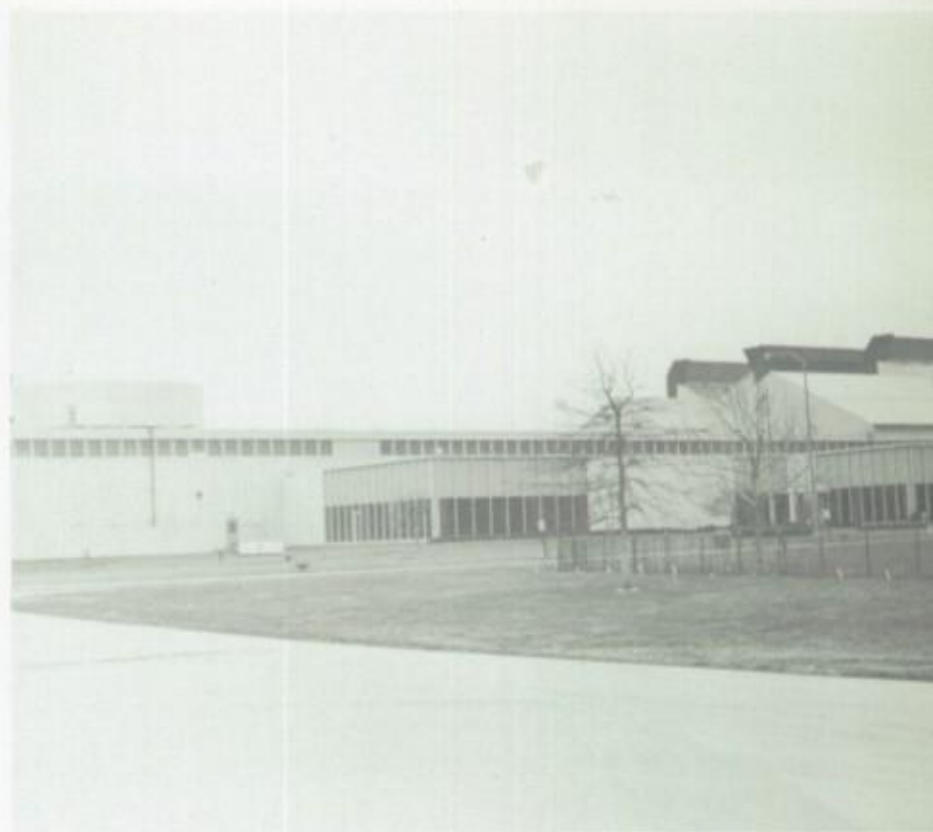
December

- Charlie Brooks, Jr., the sixth execution victim since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, becomes the first person to be executed by an injection.
- Bluffton firefighters battle flames engulfing the Carnall Building on West Market Street.
- Surgeons at the University of Utah successfully implant the world's first man-made heart in 61-year-old Barney Clark.
- After a five week-long strike in Canada that cost

Chrysler \$140 million, the Chrysler Corp. and the United Auto Workers come to terms on new contracts covering 53,000 workers in both countries.

January

- After three days of racial violence in Miami, 26 people are injured, 38 arrested and two killed.
- Yankees owner George Steinbrenner rehires Billy Martin for the third time.
- The Washington Redskins defeat the Miami Dolphins in the Super Bowl.



- As the fear of foreclosure hits farmers across the country, an auction to sell a farm in Springfield, Colorado ends in violence.

February

- An Israeli commission finds Ariel Sharon guilty of "indirect responsibility"

for the Beirut Massacre.

- Klaus Barbie, an escaped Nazi war criminal responsible for 4,342 murders, is recaptured by the Bolivians and handed over to the French.
- The Independent Truckers Association strike ends after eleven days, leaving thousands of



After eleven years and 260 episodes, millions of Americans attended M*A*S*H Bashes to witness the airing of the final show in February.

The peacefulness of the Christmas season in Bluffton was rudely interrupted by sirens, flames and smoke as the Carnall Building burned.





trucks damaged, 638 shooting incidents, 66 injuries and one death.

March

In India, 10,000 Hindus march on 50 Muslim villages, annihilating over 3,000 people — most of them women and children.



Dr. William DeVries checks up on his most famous patient, artificial heart recipient Barney Clark.

Despite a huge effort by community members and national coverage by television and various magazines, the Bluffton division of Corning Glass Works finally had to close its doors. When the plant shut down on June 19, over 400 area workers were left without a job.

- After a 12-year bout with anorexia nervosa, 32-year-old pop singer Karen Carpenter dies of heart failure.
- Georgia grind star Herschel Walker passes up his final year of college to sign a \$4.3 million, 3-year contract with the New Jersey Generals of the USFL.

April

- France expels 47 agents as the KGB tries harder to steal Western technology.
- Harold Washington is elected as the first black mayor of Chicago.
- After \$63,000 are raised in hopes of a liver transplant, 18½-month-old Bluffton resident Sara Hendricks dies.
- At least nine Americans are killed in the Beirut bombing of a U.S. Embassy.
- The Fort Wayne News Sentinel receives a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the worst floods to hit the city in seventy years.
- Over 11,000 survivors of the Nazi extermination camps gather in Washington for a reunion of the Holocaust.

May

- Hitler's alleged secret diaries are deemed fake.
- The United Auto Workers end a bitter 205-day strike against Caterpillar Tractor Co.



- The AIDS epidemic — a disease that has claimed 520 lives — continues to spread across the country.
- In the worst act of political sabotage ever suffered in South Africa, 17 people are wounded as the Air Force headquarters in Pretoria is blown up.
- The Brooklyn Bridge celebrates its one hundredth birthday.

The Pub Class takes a break to test the furniture in the commons area for comfort and durability.

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Pub Staff Kept Busy



Properly attired in formals and tuxedos, junior and senior Pub students gather at the prom for a family photo.

Senior Pub members show their elation after successfully producing 15 issues of the **Comet** and the 1983 **Retrospect**.

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Covering The Bare Facts



Editor's Letter

After countless hours of work, surviving only on WXKE and an occasional pizza, many staff members seriously considered changing their address to Room 216, 428 South Oak, but the final pages were sent in at last and the yearbook crew finally has tangible evidence of their dedication: the 1983 edition of the **Retrospect**.

Of course, there were others who contributed to this immense project: Harry Lantz for his handyman abilities; Marilyn Gerber for her bookkeeping; the News-Banner, Joe Smeckens, Bob Harter and Jeff Smith for their photography skills; Cathy Sonner for the use of her resource materials; Valerie Goodspeed for the use of her office machines; and, most of all, our fearless leader Diane Wright for her time, dedication and especially her uncanny, nearly tyrannical ability to force us to get things done . . . or else.

It is our hope that somewhere in the 184 pages of this book is a special memory for each reader — a memory that will increase in value as the years go by.

— Tanya Isch
Editor

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Lara,
Looking forward to
getting to know you
better! You seem like
a very interesting person!
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